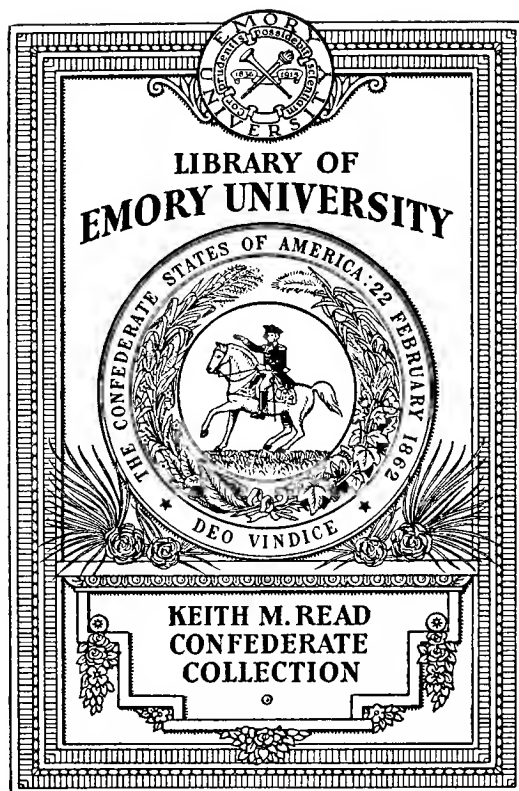


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CLARK, GEORGE H.

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CLARKE, WILLIAM H.

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COLEY, CHARLES H.

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- HARISON, WILLIAM H.
Rector of the Church of Atonement, Augusta.
- HAWKS, WILLIAM N.*
Rector of Trinity Church, Columbus.
- HENDERSON, M. H., D. D.
Rector of Emmanuel Church, Athens.
- HUNT, JOHN J.
Residing in Marietta.
- JOHNSON, RICHARD*
Officiating in South Carolina.
- LANEY, SAMSON D.*
Deacon, residing in Columbus.
- MACAULEY, GEORGE
Rector of St. Paul's Church, Albany.
- MEREDITH, JAQUELIN M.
Deacon, Missionary to Colored People on the Altamaha River. P. O. Darien.
- NEELY, JOHN*
Residing in Augusta.
- PINKERTON, SAMUEL J.*
Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Darien.
- PRYSE, JOHN T.*
Rector of Huntingdon Hall, Savannah.
- REES, H. KOLLOCK*
Rector of Christ Church, Macon.
- STALEY, T. JEFFERSON
Deacon, having Charge of St. Stephen's Chapel, Savannah, and Missionary to Colored People on adjacent Plantations.
- THOMAS, CHARLES W.
Deacon, Chaplain in Confederate States Navy.
- WARD, WILLIAM N.*
Residing in Virginia.
- WILLIAMS, WILLIAM C.
Missionary to the Colored People on the Ogeechee River. P. O. Savannah.

REV. J. M. MITCHELL, of the Diocese of Alabama, and Messrs. CRAWFORD and THOMAS, Candidates for Holy Orders in the Diocese, were present during the session of the Convention.

* Not present at Convention.

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CHRIST CHURCH, MACON, }
Feast of Ascension, May 9, 1861. }

This being the time and place appointed for holding the *Thirty-Ninth Annual Convention* of the PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH in the Diocese of Georgia,

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Harison, Rector of the Church of the Atonement, Augusta. The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese said the Ante-Communion Service. In the absence of the Clergymen appointed to preach the Convention Sermon, a discourse was delivered by the Rev. A. F. Freeman, Rector of St. Philip's Church, Atlanta, from St. John, xvii. 3: "*And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.*"

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Harison, administered the Holy Communion.

After Divine Service, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop. The Secretary called the Roll of the Clergy, and the following answered to their names, viz:

Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese,	
Rev. Edmund P Brown,	Rev. J. H. George,
Rev. Geo. H. Clark,	Rev. Wm. H. Harison,
Rev. Wm. H. Clarke,	Rev. M. H. Henderson, D. D.,
Rev. Chas. H. Coley,	Rev. John J. Hunt,
Rev. J. D. Easter,	Rev. T. Jefferson Staley,
Rev. A. F. Freeman,	Rev. Wm. C. Williams.

The certificates of the election of Lay Delegates were presented and read.

Ordered, That they be referred to a Committee on Credentials.

The Chair appointed as the Committee, Rev. Messrs. Harison, Brown, and Henderson, D. D.

The Committee reported all the certificates to be in due form except that from St. Stephen's Church, Milledgeville, and therefore that the following persons are entitled to seats:

Christ Church, Savannah—James Potter, R. R. Cuyler, Geo. A. Gordon.

St. Paul's Church, Augusta—Wm. P. Carmichael, George A. Oates, Alfred C. Force.

Christ Church, Macon—L. N. Whittle, N. C. Munroe, Jas. Mercer Green, M. D.

St. John's Church, Savannah—John S. F. Lancaster, F. W. Sims, Wm. R. Boyd.

Emmanuel Church, Athens—R. D. Moore, M. D., James Camak, M. D., Tinsley W. Rucker.

St. James' Church, Marietta—Wm. Root, N. M. Cooke, M. D., James T. Jarmon.

St. Peter's Church, Rome—Henry M. Anderson, M. D., John W. Noble, Keating S. Simons.

St. Philip's Church, Atlanta—S. B. Oatman, D. N. Judson, H. L. Currier, M. D.

Advent Church, Madison—Geo. R. Jessup, Wm. H. Burr, Henry Booth.

St. Paul's Church, Albany—G. W. Smith, R. K. Hines, Goode Bryan.

Church of the Atonement, Augusta—James Hope, Benjamin Conley, Alexander Wildman.

St. Paul's Free Church, Savannah—R. M. McClellan, J. Mc L. Turner, John M. Guerard.

The certificate from St. Stephen's Church, Milledgeville, was laid over for further consideration.

The roll of the Lay Delegates was called, and the following answered to their names: Messrs. Gordon, Oates, Force, Munroe, Whittle, Green, Lancaster, Root, Jarmon, Anderson, Noble, Smith, Hines, Guerard.

There being a quorum of both Orders present, the Convention was declared duly organized.

The Rev. William C. Williams was re-elected Secretary.

The Secretary appointed Rev. Wm. H. Clarke, Assistant Secretary.

The certificate of election of Lay Delegates from St. Stephen's Church, Milledgeville, was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Gordon—

Resolved, That Dr. John R. Cotting, Col. J. S. Thomas, Adjutant General Wayne are entitled to seats in this body.

General Wayne accordingly took his seat.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Williams—

Resolved, That the rules of Order of the last Convention be adopted for the government of this Convention.

On motion of Rev. Wm. H. Clarke—

Resolved, That Clergymen of other Dioceses, and Candidates for Holy Orders, who may be present, be invited to take seats in this Convention at any time during its sessions.

The Rev. Mr. Clarke was requested to extend this invitation. It was accepted by Messrs. Thomas and Crawford, Candidates for Orders in this Diocese.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by the Chair:

On the State of the Church.—Rev. Messrs. Harison, Henderson, D. D., and Brown.

On the Admission of New Parishes.—Rev. Mr. Rees, Dr. Anderson, and Mr. Gordon.

On Unfinished Business.—Rev. Mr. Freeman, Rev. George H. Clark, and Mr. Hines.

On motion of Mr. Whittle—

Resolved, That there be but one session of this Convention each day during its continuance, and that the hour of Morning Service be at half-past ten o'clock, and of adjournment not later than three o'clock.

Mr. Gordon presented the report of the Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church, Savannah, in relation to the Fund for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.

Ordered, That it be printed in the Appendix to the Journal.*

*See Appendix B.

After prayers by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned to the hour of Public Worship to-morrow morning.

At night, Evening Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Easter, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Henderson.

FRIDAY, May 10, 1861.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Coley, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Williams.

After Divine Service the Convention was called to order. Present as yesterday, with the addition of the Clergy of the Rev. Messrs. Benedict, Macauley, and Rees, and of the Laity, of Messrs. Carmichael, Boyd, Cooke, Oatman, Currier, Conley, McClellan and Turner.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

A certificate of the election of Lay Delegates from Trinity Church, Columbus, was presented and read. Also, a certificate from the Church of the Atonement, Augusta, under the fourth Article of the Constitution.

The above certificates were referred to the Committee on Credentials, who reported them in due form.

Trinity Church, Columbus, H. V Meigs, Daniel Griffin, Absalom H. Chappell.

Church of the Atonement, Augusta, Joseph E. Marshall as a substitute for Mr. Wildman.

Mr. Marshall appeared and took his seat.

The application of St. Luke's Church, Camden County, for admission into union with this Convention was presented by Rev. Dr. Easter.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Admission of New Parishes.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address.

Address.

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY: .

We meet, to-day, under circumstances very unlike any which have ever surrounded us since our connection as Bishop and people. Hitherto we have assembled as an Ecclesiastical Council, with no cares resting upon our hearts save those which concerned the Church of Christ. To-day we feel most painfully, in addition to these, the sorrow which arises from the severed ties of friendship and of country. Hitherto peace has ever smiled upon our meetings with her bright face of prosperity and security. To-day the whole land is resounding with the preparation for war — war with those who, until a few months since, were our countrymen and our brethren. Hitherto our Church has moved undisturbed through all the storms which have agitated the civil State. To-day a stern necessity is laid upon us to examine relations which we fondly hoped would be indestructible. May God's Holy Spirit shed more abundantly than ever upon us the spirit of wisdom and of understanding, and may we receive grace to put away from us all pride, prejudice, and passion, and to consult together as the children of the God of Love and disciples of the Prince of Peace.

As an ordinary rule, the Church of Christ has but little to do with political events, and our own branch of that Church has most scrupulously avoided all entanglement with parties and their unceasing conflicts. She has ever inculcated the Apostolic rule that "the powers which be are ordained of God," and has enjoined upon her members the Christian duties of reverence for established authority, and of obedience to law and order. Even up to this moment, through all the

angry discussions, and excited passions of the last seventy years, she has never, in any of her numerous synodical conventions, taken any part in the sectional movements which have agitated and convulsed the Union. Although the ablest laymen of the country, many of them politicians, warmly engaged in the current strife of the day, have held seats in her councils, they have invariably abstained, while in Ecclesiastical session, from all interference with politics, and have ever confined themselves to the legitimate business of the Church, the advancement of "Peace on earth, good will towards men." Whatever may have been their private opinions, they have carefully held them in abeyance, while engaged in the councils of the Church. This wise and Christian conduct has made the Episcopal Church a wonder and a glory in the land, and while most of the other Christian bodies of the late United States have been engaged in strife and bitter contention, and have many of them long since severed all christian union and communion, our Church has never permitted these distracting questions to enter within her consecrated walls. Amid the present confusion and distraction of the country, she can lift up clean hands and a pure heart and appeal to the God of Heaven that she has had no part nor lot, as a Church, in producing the strife which is rapidly marching to dip its feet in blood.

But while, as a Church, she has had no share in producing the condition of things which exists around her, she is nevertheless involved in that condition, and cannot, by any means, be made independent of it. Every member of the Church is a member likewise of the Commonwealth, unless, as Hooker says in the 8th book of his Ecclesiastical Polity, "the name of the Church be restrained in a Christian Commonwealth to the Clergy, excluding all the residue of believers." And being members at the same time of the Church and of the Commonwealth, the circumstances and relations of the one must affect the circumstances and relations of the other. 'Tis true that "under dominion of infidels" as in the times of the primitive Church, "the Church of Christ and their Common-

wealth were two societies independent," but in that case a state of antagonism existed between Christianity and Paganism, which absolutely forbade any mutual dependency between them. But when the Commonwealth, as in our times, is, if not professedly, at least practically, Christian, it is almost impossible to draw any line which can separate the relations of the Church from the relations of the Commonwealth. The actions of the Commonwealth being the actions of the citizens of that Commonwealth, and those citizens making up the body of the Church and forming its Legislature, there must be, inevitably, a mutual relationship and dependency. It can not be got rid of, without abolishing the whole framework of constitutional and canonical law which binds together the Protestant Episcopal Church of this country.

That organization, which is styled the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, was built up out of the fragments of the Church of England which remained in the States after the Revolution. But little change was made in anything pertaining to its essential character as a part of the Church Catholic of Christ. It retained the Apostolic Ministry in its three Orders of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons; the Apostolic Faith, as embodied in the Creeds, the Articles, and the Formularies of the Church; the Sacraments as ordained by Christ himself. Its liturgical worship was adapted from that of the Church of England, with such modifications only as rendered it suitable to the new order of the civil state. But when it came to consider its relations to the State, it found itself in a condition different both from the Church of England and the Church of Rome. In the Church of England, the Head of the State was likewise the Head of the Church, thus making the Commonwealth and the Church "one society," to use Hooker's phrase. In the Church of Rome, the Bishop of Rome did not suffer the Church to depend upon the power of any civil Prince or Potentate, but made himself the centre of Catholic unity. The Church in this country could follow neither of these models; not the Church of England, because by the Constitution of the United States, any

union between Church and State was prohibited: not the Church of Rome, because she did not recognize the supremacy of the Bishop of Rome. She found herself therefore independent of the Commonwealth, and free to establish such relations with the civil authority as she might deem best. And it is out of the decision to which she came, that the necessity arises for some action on our part in view of the secession of the State of Georgia from the Federal Union, and of the formation, in connection with other States, of an independent government, to wit: "the Confederate States of America."

Had the Episcopalians who convened to organize a Church in the United States and to obtain for this country the succession of Bishops, been satisfied to receive that succession from the Church of England, and to establish its Episcopate without any absolutely restricted jurisdiction, governing the Church through councils of Bishops and Presbyters, the Church should have been independent of all State boundaries, and should have been unaffected in its relations by any changes in the civil state. But the jealousy of Episcopal and even priestly authority, which existed in this country after the Revolution, made this independence seemingly hopeless. It was deemed necessary to organize the Church upon the model of the Constitution of the United States, to create a General Convention in which Laymen should have an equal representation with Clergymen and by which all Ecclesiastical law should be established and modified, and to define sharply the jurisdiction of Bishops. This was done by making their Dioceses co-terminous with the States in which they were established, and giving to each Diocese, no matter what its size, an equal representation in the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies as well as in the House of Bishops. Each Bishop was tied down to his jurisdiction by a marriage which admitted of no divorce. His privileges as a Bishop of the Church Catholic of Christ no human organization could affect, but all his privileges as a Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, arose out of his connection with his particular jurisdiction, and expired with that jurisdiction.

If he resigned his jurisdiction, he was still a Bishop of the Church of Christ; of that nothing could divest him; but he became ineligible to any Diocese then in union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States or afterwards to be admitted into union with it, was deprived of his seat in the House of Bishops, and could perform the functions of his Episcopal office only at the request of a Bishop having Ecclesiastical jurisdiction. He ceased, in fine, upon his resignation, of his jurisdiction, to be a Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. And this strict connection of the Episcopate with jurisdiction has been extended to our Foreign Missionary Bishops with the like scrupulous jealousy. In the Canon of Foreign Missionary Bishops it is distinctly provided that they shall have no jurisdiction except in the place or country for which they may have been elected or consecrated; that they shall not be entitled to seats in the House of Bishops; that they shall not even be eligible to an organized Diocese of the United States unless with the consent of three-fourths of all the Bishops entitled to seats in the House of Bishops.

The animus of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, therefore, clearly is, that the Bishop shall go with his jurisdiction. He is a Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, not because he is a Bishop of the Church Catholic, but because he is the Bishop of Maine, or of New York, or of New Jersey, as the case may be. When the jurisdiction therefore of a Bishop declares itself, in the exercise of its rightful sovereignty to be thenceforth and forever separated from the other jurisdictions which make up the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, it forces him necessarily into a like separation. Should he, in consequence of this action of the State in which his Diocese lies, resign his jurisdiction he gains nothing, for by that act he is no longer a Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, nor can he ever again be. If he does not resign he is likewise in the same predicament, for his jurisdiction having declared itself out of the Union, he must necessarily go

out with it. So that, in any case, the separation of his jurisdiction severs him at once from the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, not simply because the Church must follow the nationality, but because the Church of the United States has trammelled itself with constitutional and canonical provisions which forces the Church and its Bishop into this attitude.

And this difficulty is very much increased, when a Bishop's jurisdiction is separated by a formal exercise of sovereignty, which he believes to be constitutional, of which he heartily approves and which he deems absolutely necessary. Was his jurisdiction in a state of rebellion or insurrection, it might be his duty patiently to await the issue of the struggle, and to bear and suffer what might be laid upon him in the performance of his episcopal functions. But we are not in any such condition. The State, which is co-terminous with our Diocese, has, in the exercise of her unquestioned sovereignty and with the almost unanimous consent of her people, resumed the powers which she had delegated to the Federal Government, and has confederated herself with other States, which have in like manner resumed their delegated powers, forming an entirely new government under a constitution prepared with great wisdom and moderation and ratified by the people of the said States in convention assembled. There has been no force, no violence, no compulsion, no necessity laid upon any man to vote otherwise than his conscience or his will dictated. These States have passed, without any civil convulsion whatever, in the most solemn manner, with fasting and prayer, from one government to another, and are to-day as independent of the Federal Union, as France is of England, or Prussia is of Spain. These States are no longer, in any sense, a part of the United States, and consequently the Bishops of these States or Dioceses, for in this connection those words are synonymous, are no longer Bishops of any of the United States. They are now Bishops of the Confederate States. Was any one of us to present himself at the door of the House of Bishops at the next General Convention, and demand his seat, the question might fairly be asked him, "Are you a Bishop having juris-

diction in one of the United States of America?" If he answered that he was, he would be ignoring the action of the State in which his jurisdiction lies, renouncing his allegiance to her, and would be in every legal sense guilty of treason. If he should reply that he was not, then the answer would be, "No Bishop is entitled to a seat upon this floor, unless by courtesy, who is not a Bishop of one of these United States;" and so with our Clerical and Lay deputies. They would occupy precisely the same ground, and would necessarily pass through the same catechism.

It has been asked, "Might we not meet once again in General Convention and there determine upon the future relations of the respective Dioceses?" Putting aside the difficulties which might arise in pursuing such a course from a state of war, which now seems inevitable, we must not forget that it is our duty, as a Church, to maintain, if we think its action right, the dignity of the Government of which we are now the lawful subjects, and never, by any action of ours, to lower in any degree its position in the eye of the world. Such a step as disunion would never have been taken so unanimously and so peaceably by the States which formed the new Confederacy, if there had not been a profound feeling of its absolute necessity. Too many ties of friendship, of sympathy, of interest; too many associations with the past, and too many aspirations for the future, bound the North and the South together, to permit the Union to have been broken, if a deep sense of utter insecurity under the Government of the United States, had not impressed itself upon the minds and hearts of the people of the South. It is due to those with whom we have been so pleasantly united as a Church, that they should understand this matter—that they should not suppose this separation to have taken place under the impulse of passion, or at the beck of ambition. It has been done most solemnly—with tears in our eyes, and prayers upon our lips—with a lively sense of our duty to God, to our children, and above all to the race whom he has committed to our guardianship and Christian nurture. However the world may judge us in connection with

our institution of slavery, we conscientiously believe it to be a great missionary institution — one arranged by God, as he arranges all the moral and religious influences of the world, so that good may be brought out of seeming evil, and a blessing wrung out of every form of the curse. We believe that we are educating these people as they are educated nowhere else; that we are elevating them in every generation; that we are working out God's purposes, whose consummation we are quite willing to leave in his hands. We do not expect infidels — men who are clamoring for a new God, and a new Christ, and a new Bible — to believe this, but we did hope that Christian men, our brethren in the faith of Christ, and in the hopes of eternity, would credit our integrity and our faithfulness. We feel sure, that when the whirlwind of passion shall have passed, we shall receive justice at the hands of God's people, being determined, meanwhile, by the grace of God, to defend with the sacrifice of everything, if need be, this sacred charge which has been committed to us. We can not permit our servants to be cursed with the liberty of licentiousness and infidelity, but we will truly labor to give them that liberty wherewith Christ has made us all free.

In pursuance of these views, the Bishop of Louisiana and myself addressed, as the senior Bishops of the seceded States, the following letter to the Ecclesiastical Authority of each of the Dioceses of the Confederate States, recommending the course which, after consultation, we concluded to be the best for the deliberate determination of our future course of action :

UNIVERSITY PLACE, Franklin County, Tenn., }
March 23, 1861. }

RT. REV. AND DEAR BROTHER:

The rapid march of events, and the change which has taken place in our civil relations, seem to us, your brethren in the Episcopate, to require an early consultation among the Dioceses of the Confederate States, for the purpose of considering their relations to the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, of which they have so long been the equal and happy members.

This necessity does not arise out of any dissension which has occurred within the Church itself, nor out of any dissatisfaction with either the doctrine or the discipline of the Church. We rejoice to record the fact that we are to-day, as Churchmen, as truly brethren as we have ever been, and that no deed has been done, nor word uttered which leaves a single wound rankling in our hearts. We are still one in faith, in purpose, and in hope. But political changes, forced upon us by a stern necessity, have occurred, which have placed our Dioceses in a position requiring consultation as to our future Ecclesiastical relations. It is better that those relations should be arranged by the common consent of all the Dioceses within the Confederate States, than by the independent action of each Diocese. The one will probably lead to harmonious action, the other might produce inconvenient diversity.

We propose to you, therefore, Rt. Rev. and Dear Brother, that you recommend to your Diocesan Convention, the appointment of three Clerical and three Lay Deputies, who, together with the Bishop of the Diocese, shall be Delegates to meet an equal number of Delegates from each of the Dioceses within the Confederate States, at Montgomery, in the Diocese of Alabama, on the 3d day of July next, to consult upon such matters as may have arisen out of the change in our civil affairs.

We have taken upon ourselves to address you this Circular because we happen to be together and are the senior Bishops of the Dioceses within the Confederate States.

Very Sincerely and Truly Yours,

LEONIDAS POLK,
STEPHEN ELLIOTT.

The object of this meeting is simply, as you will perceive, to determine our ecclesiastical relations with the Dioceses from which our jurisdictions have been separated. We have no quarrel with the divine organization of the Church, none with its faith, none with its worship, none with its discipline. But we must adjust anew our ecclesiastical relations. They have been disturbed if not destroyed by the disruption of the Union, and we should see to it at once, that nothing is done to compromise our own position or that of the Confederate States. I recommend therefore to this Convention the appointment of three Clerical, and three Lay Deputies, who

with the Bishop, shall represent this Diocese in a Convention to be held in Montgomery on the 3d day of July next.

Soon after the State of Georgia seceded, I issued directions to my Clergy to pray for the Governor of the State instead of the President of the United States. As the President of the Confederate States has announced, in his late Message, the adoption by all the seceded States of the permanent Constitution of the Confederacy, I now instruct the Clergy to cease praying for the Executive of this State, and to substitute in the prayer for the President of the United States the word "Confederate" in place of the word "United" and in the prayer for Congress to say "as for the people of these Confederate States in general" so especially for their "Delegates in Congress assembled," whenever that Congress shall be in session.

My first official act during the past year was confirming on Friday night, May 11, 1860, in St. Stephen's Chapel, Savannah, seven persons, all of whom were colored.

On Sunday morning, May 13, I confirmed in Christ Church, Savannah, eight persons, all white. On the same day in the afternoon, I confirmed in St. Paul's Free Church, Savannah, five persons.

On Sunday morning, May 20, I confirmed in the Church of the Messiah, St. Mary's, four persons, one of whom was colored. On Tuesday, May 22, I confirmed in St. Mark's, Brunswick, nine persons, and on the next day I baptized in the same church one adult, and one infant, and confirmed another candidate. These two Parishes of St. Mary's and St. Mark's are reviving and strengthening under the energetic care of Dr. Easter. He has also succeeded in forming a self-supporting Parish in Camden County upon the Satilla River, which when occupied by a Missionary, will complete the chain of missionary posts upon all the great rivers of the State, south of the Savannah.

On Sunday morning, May 27, being Whit Sunday, I confirmed in St. Paul's, Augusta, eight persons. This has been an eventful year to St. Paul's. It has been completely reno-

vated and improved internally, and furnished with a very fine organ. I regret to add that its faithful Pastor, Dr. Ford, who has served the Church for twenty-seven years has sent in his resignation to the Vestry, on account of continued infirm health. The Vestry has very properly refused to accept it, and requested him to take two years complete rest for which they will provide, and meanwhile procure a Clergyman to supply Dr. Ford's place during his absence. This action is alike honorable to both parties, and has been acceded to by Dr. Ford, with the same frankness with which it was offered.

On Sunday afternoon, May 27, Whit Sunday, I confirmed in the Church of the Atonement, Augusta, six persons.

On Sunday night, June 3, I confirmed in St. Philip's Church, Atlanta, eleven persons. On the next night in the same Church, I confirmed two persons.

On Wednesday afternoon, June 6, I preached in Marietta.

Sunday morning, June 10, I confirmed in Emmanuel Church, Athens, seven persons, and on Monday morning, June 11, I confirmed another sick candidate at his home.

Wednesday morning, June 13, I confirmed in the Church of the Advent, Madison, one person.

Sunday morning, June 17, I confirmed in Grace Church, Gainesville, five persons, and on Wednesday night, I confirmed in the same Church, five other persons.

Sunday, June 24, I paid a second visit to Emmanuel Church, Athens, and confirmed seven persons, making in all fifteen persons from this Church. Dr. Henderson is still pursuing his active and vigorous ministry in Athens and its neighborhood, making the Church known and respected all around him.

July 6, I admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons in St. John's Church, Savannah, the Rev. T. J. Staley. Mr. Staley was a licentiate among the Methodists. He at once took charge of St. Stephen's Chapel for colored persons, and of one or two plantations upon the Savannah River, and has been laboring very acceptably and successfully at these points.

Thursday, August 30, I commenced my visitation of St. James' Church, Marietta, and officiated at night. Friday, August 31, I admitted in the same Church to the Holy Order of Priests, at the request of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Otey, the Rev. William Mowbray of the Diocese of Tennessee. Saturday, September 1, I confirmed in private, two white persons, and on Sunday, in St. James' Church, eleven persons. I found this Parish in a state of great activity under the care of the Rev. Mr. Benedict.

On Wednesday, October 10, I assisted in the presence of a very large assemblage of the Bishops, Clergy and Laity of the Church, in laying the Corner Stone of the main building of the University of the South. This great enterprise, thus successfully inaugurated, has been checked for the winter, by the confusion of public affairs, and the temporary division of the Dioceses which made up the Board of Trustees; seven of them having seceded and formed "the Confederate States," while the remaining three adhered to the United States. The recent action of Arkansas, Tennessee and North Carolina, all of which have passed ordinances of secession, will soon re-unite the Ten Dioceses under one Government. Meanwhile the funds which have been subscribed are securely invested, bearing good interest, and ready for use when the condition of things shall make it prudent to resume the active work upon the University.

During the session of the Board of Trustees, held on the three days subsequent to the 10th, the Constitution and Statutes of the University, which had been laid over for final consideration, were revised and adopted by the Board. They form an almost perfect model of such an University as the South needs, and have received every where the approval and admiration of the learned.

Sunday, October 28, and Sunday, November 11, I officiated in Christ Church, Savannah, that Church being without a Rector. I again officiated in the same Church on the Sundays of the 2d, 9th and 16th of December.

Friday, December 7, I admitted in St. Paul's Free Church,

Mr. H. E. Tschudy, to the Holy Order of Deacons. Mr. Tschudy acted for some months as the assistant Minister of St. Paul's Free Church, but in consequence of the rupture between the North and South, has been transferred, with the consent of Bishop Potter, to the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Friday, December 14, I admitted in Savannah, the Rev. John D. Easter to the Holy Order of Priests, and the Rev. Jaquelin M. Meredith, to the Holy Order of Deacons. Mr. Meredith was transferred from Virginia as a Candidate for Orders. He has taken charge of plantations upon the Altamaha, containing nearly eight hundred slaves, a noble field of Missionary enterprize. The four plantations make him up a salary of one thousand dollars.

Sunday, November 18, and December 30, I officiated in Calvary Church, Memphis, where I had the pleasure of finding a former Presbyter of this Diocese, the Rev. Dr. White, most usefully and successfully employed. During the absence of Bishop Otey, I confirmed two invalids and received one of them, a member of my own Diocese, to the Holy Communion.

Friday, December 14, I confirmed in the evening at St. Stephen's Chapel, Savannah, three persons.

Early in January, I was called to Montgomery to perform the last sacred offices of the Church, over the remains of my dear friend and brother in the Episcopate, the Rt. Rev. Nicholas H. Cobbs. I officiated at his funeral, in connection with as many of his Clergy as could be gathered together upon the sad occasion. As in the address which I delivered upon that occasion, and which has been published, I expressed my opinion at large of his excellencies and usefulness in the Church of Christ, I shall dwell no further upon the great loss which we all, but especially his own people, have sustained in his death at this particular crisis of affairs. May his Clergy and Laity be successful in electing a successor worthy of his piety and faithfulness.

Monday, January 14, at the request of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Alabama, I examined Mr. Gray, for

Deacons Orders, and on Tuesday, January 15. I admitted him in St. John's Church, Montgomery, to the Holy Order of Deacons.

Sunday January 20. I confirmed a second time, in St. Philip's Church, Atlanta, and added six to the number confirmed in June, making nineteen within the year. The Rector is very much straitened for room, the Church being over crowded with even its ordinary congregation.

Sunday, February the 17. I confirmed, in St. Peter's Rome, nine persons, two of whom were colored. This Church is in a very wholesome and well ordered condition, advancing steadily in numbers and in the influence of holiness.

Sunday, February 24. I held a second confirmation in St. James Church, Marietta, when seven additional candidates were presented, making twenty in this Church for the year. In the interval between my two visits, the Church had been very much improved, and a school edifice erected for the use of the pupils connected with the Female School established under the care of the Rector. I would embrace this opportunity to recommend this School, to the patronage of the Church in Georgia.

Easter Sunday in the morning, I confirmed in Christ Church, Savannah, (one of whom was from St. Paul's,) seven persons, and at night in St. John's Church, Savannah, five persons.

Sunday April 7. I officiated in Christ Church, Savannah.

Sunday, April 21, I visited St. Paul's Church, Albany, and confirmed three persons. This is now a rapidly growing Parish, and bids fair from immigration to be soon among the strongest in the Diocese.

Sunday April 28. I confirmed in St. Andrew's Church, Darien, seven persons, two of whom were colored. I found this Parish in an excellent spiritual condition and increasingly alive to its duty to itself and all around it. As one of the fruits of this spirit is the mission among the negroes upon the Altamaha, of which Mr. Meredith has taken the charge. This is sustained by Planters who are communicants of this

Parish, and it should be legitimately credited to the praise of St. Andrew's.

On Monday morning, April 29, in company with Mr. Meredith, I visited the plantation of Mr. Nightingale, on Cambus Island. The negroes were all gathered together, having been given a holiday for the purpose, and after the reading of the service by Rev. Mr. Meredith, I addressed them upon the importance of the mission to them and theirs. There are at this place a large number of communicants of the Episcopal Church, but they need re-gathering and revival.

In the afternoon of the same day the Missionary and myself visited Potosi, the plantation of Mr. Richard Morris. The house was crowded to excess, and the people seemed deeply interested in the services. Mr. Meredith read the service and I addressed them very much upon the same topics as in the morning.

Tuesday morning, April 30, the Missionary and myself took boat early and crossed over to the magnificent estate of the late John Butler, of Philadelphia. This estate lies upon an island, which it entirely occupies and upon which are some five hundred negroes. It is a parish in itself. The house used for service could not contain one half of the congregation. The children themselves form a congregation. As at the other plantations Mr. Meredith read the service and I addressed them on the importance of his pastoral services to them and their children. These people have had preaching enough and to spare, what they lack now is pastoral instruction. They are very intelligent and anxious for religious knowledge.

Taking our boat after service we returned to Darien, and drove out to the plantation of Lieut. C. Manigault Morris, Ceylon, where we held an afternoon service. There were no confirmations at any of these places, as Mr. Meredith has been engaged for too short a time in his work to have prepared any, as they should be prepared.

Sunday, May 5, I officiated in Trinity Church, Columbus, and at night confirmed a very interesting class of nine persons. Trinity Church has been very much improved within the last

few months, having been entirely renovated and its sittings increased to a very large extent. It can now furnish accommodations at least for its own congregation.

During the past year, I have ordained the Rev. Messrs. Staley, Meredith, and Tschudy to the Diaconate, and have admitted the Rev. John D. Easter to Priest's Orders. As I have already stated, Mr. Staley is officiating in St. Stephen's Chapel, Savannah. Mr. Meredith is Missionary upon the Altamaha, and Mr. Tschudy has been transferred to the Diocese of Pennsylvania. I have received the Rev. J. G. Downing from the Diocese of South Carolina, and the Rev. Wm. E. Eppes from the Diocese of Florida. I have transferred the Rev. Mr. Curtis to the Missionary jurisdiction of Arkansas.

There have been very few Parochial changes during the past year, and these have arisen mainly from ill-health or from new adjustments within the Diocese. The resignation of Mr. Curtis from St. Stephen's, Milledgeville, and his removal to Arkansas, is very much to be regretted, for he was truly valued and beloved among us.

I have deemed it best, under the circumstances of the Diocese and the Country, to resume my pastoral charge of Christ Church, Savannah. The Vestry has given me an assistant, and I have selected the Rev. Charles Coley, of Madison, for that post. His acceptance of the charge has vacated the Church of the Advent at Madison.

Three Candidates for Orders have been received during the year, Mr. Charles A. Grant, of Savannah, Mr. G. E. Crawford, of Hawkinsville, and Mr. Charles W. Thomas, late a highly esteemed minister of the Methodist Church, and a Chaplain in the U. S. Navy. These together with Mr. Starr and Mr. Geo. Easter make up our number of Candidates.

During the past year, our oldest and most venerated Presbyterian has been called to his rest. The Rev. Seneca G. Bragg, for so many years the faithful and beloved pastor of this Church, and a most efficient member of all the important committees of the Diocese, has gone to join all those faithful souls whom he had guided, as a true shepherd, to the Heavenly

fold. He was a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost. To the simplicity and guilelessness of a child, he united the dignity and the power which holiness invariably gives. His heart was all love, his tongue was all charity. Men looked upon his walk and conversation, and believed in the religion of Jesus Christ. Never man was more beloved, not only by his own people, but by all around him. When his eye was dim and his natural force abated, it was truly touching to witness the care which was taken of him by his parishioners. Never having married, he seemed to be a member of every household, for whom too much could not be done. He made his home with his old beloved friend and parishioner, Mr. Munroe, under whose roof he gradually decayed. During the summer he went to New-York to visit, for the last time, his nephews and nieces, and was too weak to return. He died in that State, in January, entering into the rest which he so ardently desired.

And now, my brethren, I commend you to the care and keeping of Him, who has promised to be with His Church always to the end of the world.

STEPHEN ELLIOTT,

Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Williams, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address, as refers to our relations to the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States, be referred to a Committee of three Clergymen, and three Laymen.

At the request of the Bishop, the Committee was elected by ballot.

The Bishop appointed Mr. Carmichael, Dr. Green, and Mr. Root, Tellers.

The Tellers reported the following persons elected :

OF THE CLERGY :

Rev. W. C. Williams,
Rev. H. K. Rees.

OF THE LAITY :

Geo. A. Gordon, Esq.,
L. N. Whittle, Esq.,
General Wayne.

On motion of Mr. Conley, the Rev. Wm. H. Clarke was unanimously appointed the third clerical member of the Committee.

Rev. Mr. Benedict submitted the following resolution which was adopted :

Resolved, That three thousand copies of the Bishops Address be printed for distribution in the Church, North and South.

On motion of Mr. Whittle —

Ordered, That the Parochial Reports* be referred to the Committee on the state of the Church, without being read.

The reports of the Treasurer of the Permanent Fund for the support of the Episcopate,† of the Treasurer of the Missionary Committee,‡ and of the Treasurer of the Diocese,|| were presented.

Ordered, That they be referred to a Committee on Finance.

Committee on Finance, Messrs. Munroe, Conley and Lancaster.

The Standing Committee submitted the following report, which was received :

REPORT.

The Standing Committee beg leave to report the following official acts since the last Convention of the Diocese :

They have recommended Mr. Charles Allen Grant, Mr. G. E. Crawford, and Mr. Charles W. Thomas to be received as candidates for Holy Orders.

They have signed the Canonical testimonials, recommending for Deacons Orders, Mr. Thomas J. Staley, Mr. Henry E. Tschudy, Mr. Jaquelin M. Meredith, Mr. George W. Easter, Mr. Charles W. Thomas, and for Priests Orders, Rev. John D. Easter, and the Rev. Henry E. Tschudy.

EDWARD E. FORD, President.

* See Appendix A.

† See Appendix C.

‡ See Appendix D.

|| See Appendix E.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported as follows:

REPORT.

The Committee on Unfinished Business, beg leave to report that they have examined the Journal of the last Annual Convention of this Diocese, and find that there is no unfinished business therein deferred over to this Convention, except the following resolutions on page twenty-seven.

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the subject of Parish boundaries, be referred to a Committee of three Clergymen, and three Laymen, with the Bishop as Chairman.

Resolved, That the same Committee be instructed to inquire whether it is expedient to legislate on the subject of differences between Rectors and their Congregations.

Which committee has not reported.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. FREEMAN, Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Gordon, the standing order in regard to the hour of meeting, was repealed.

On motion of the same, it was

Ordered, That the Convention meet to-morrow morning at half-past nine.

The Convention then adjourned, after prayers by the Bishop.

At night, Evening Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Benedict, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Geo. H. Clark.

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 1861.

Morning Prayer was read by Rev. Mr. Staley, and a Sermon preached by Rev. Dr. Easter.

After Divine Service the Convention was called to order. Present as yesterday, with the addition of Messrs. Chappell, Cotting, Thomas, and the exception of Rev. Mr. Coley, and Messrs. Hines, and Marshall.

The Rev. Mr. Mitchell, of the Diocese of Alabama, being present, Rev. Messrs. Rees, and George H. Clark, were appointed a Committee to invite him to take a seat in the Convention. He accepted the invitation.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

Mr. Conley offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Convention of 1862 be held in the Church of the Atonement, Augusta, on the Thursday, after the first Sunday in May.

Rev. Mr. Benedict moved to strike out Church of the Atonement, Augusta, and insert St. James' Church, Marietta.

Mr. Chappell moved to divide the motion, so as to take the question first on striking out.

It was so ordered.

The Church of the Atonement, Augusta, was stricken out.

The motion to insert St. James' Church, Marietta was rejected.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Freeman, St. Philip's Church, Atlanta, was inserted.

The resolution was adopted, so as to read :

Resolved, That the Convention of 1862 be held in St. Philip's Church, Atlanta, on the Thursday after the first Sunday in May.

Mr. Gordon presented the following

REPORT :

The Committee to consider so much of the Bishop's Address to the Convention of 1860, as refers to Parish boundaries, and the propriety of legislating on the subject of differences between Rectors and their Congregations, beg leave respectfully to report:

That on the subject of Parish boundaries they do not deem it expedient to legislate; and on the latter subject, they beg leave to present a Canon, which they recommend be printed in the Appendix to the Journal,* and laid over for consideration at the next Convention.

STEPHEN ELLIOTT,
WM. C. WILLIAMS,
SAMUEL BENEDICT,
GEO. A. GORDON,
L. N. WHITTLE.

The report was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Bishop's Address presented the following

* See Appendix F.

REPORT :

The Committee appointed to consider so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the relations of this Diocese to the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States, beg leave to submit the following report :

Whereas, By the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, "the jurisdiction of that Church extends in right only to the persons belonging to it, within the United States;" And whereas, this Diocese being now included in a different nationality, is beyond that jurisdiction: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the relations of this Diocese to the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States, need re-adjustment.

Resolved, That this Convention, heartily approving the Bishop's recommendation, do now proceed to elect three Clerical and three Lay Deputies, who with the Bishop, shall represent the Diocese, at the Convention of the Dioceses of the Confederate States, to be held at Montgomery, Alabama, on the third day of July next.

Resolved, That the action of the Montgomery Convention be referred to the Convention of this Diocese for ratification.

WM. C. WILLIAMS,
HENRY K. REES,
WM. H. CLARKE,
GEO. A. GORDON,
HENRY C. WAYNE,
L. N. WHITTLE.

The resolutions were taken up and severally adopted.

Rev. Mr. Benedict moved to strike out the Preamble.

The vote was directed to be taken by orders.

Clergy — Ayes, Rev Mr. Benedict — 1.

Clergy — Noes, Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, Rev. Messrs. Brown, Geo. H. Clark, William H. Clarke, Freeman, George, Harison, Henderson, Macauley, Rees, Staley, Williams — 12.

Parishes — Ayes, Church of Atonement, Augusta — 1.

Noes — Christ Church, Savannah; St. Paul's Church, Augusta; Christ Church, Macon; Trinity Church, Columbus; St. John's Church, Savannah; St. Stephen's Church, Milledgeville; St. James' Church, Marietta; St. Peter's Church, Rome; St. Philip's Church, Atlanta; St. Paul's Church, Albany; St. Paul's Free Church, Savannah, — 11.

The preamble and resolutions were then adopted.

Mr. Guerard submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, That the authority of the Montgomery Convention to alter, abridge, enlarge or amend the book of Common Prayer, shall be restricted to such alterations as may become necessary in the prayers for our Civil rulers, in consequence of the withdrawal of this Diocese from the United States.

On motion, the resolution was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Whittle —

Resolved, That a Committee of three Clergymen be appointed by the Chair, to report suitable resolutions as a tribute to the memory of the late Rev. Seneca G. Bragg.

Committee, Rev. Messrs. Williams, Brown and Rees.

The Convention proceeded to elect Deputies to the Convention at Montgomery.

The Bishop appointed Messrs. McClellan, Force, and Anderson, Tellers.

While the votes were being counted, the Committee on Finance submitted the following

REPORTS :

The Committee to whom was referred the report of John M. Guerard, Treasurer of the Diocese, beg leave to report, that they have examined the same and find it duly sustained by the proper vouchers, and that a balance of \$560 61 is in the hands of the Treasurer.

N. C. MUNROE, Chairman.

The Committee to whom was referred the account of Dr. James Camak, Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, beg leave to report: That they have examined said account, and find that two thousand dollars has been invested in bonds at eight per cent. interest; and that there remains in the hands of the Treasurer \$179 70.

N. C. MUNROE, Chairman.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the account of W W. Lincoln, Treasurer of the Missionary Committee, find the charges supported by the proper vouchers; and that there is a balance of \$382 50 in the hands of the Treasurer.

N. C. MUNROE, Chairman.

The reports were received and adopted.

The Committee on the State of the Church presented the following

REPORT:

The Committee on the State of the Church begs leave to report the following abstract of the Parochial Reports, viz:

Baptisms,.....	355
Confirmations,.....	157
Communicants,	2184
Sunday School Teachers,..	175
“ “ Scholars,..	1743
Communion Alms,	\$2,252 55
Diocesan Missions,.....	2,404 62
Domestic and Foreign Missions, ..	2,041 44
Church and Charitable Objects,.....	15,288 08

The Committee would call attention to the increased contributions recorded under the head of Diocesan Missions—part of the amount there stated probably did not pass through the hands of the Missionary Committee, being reported as special appropriations made by Christ Church, Savannah, to St. Stephen's Church, the mission among the colored people of Savannah. Regarding this as legitimate mission work within the Diocese, your Committee felt justified in placing the amount under the general head. While we congratulate the Convention on the increased interest manifested in our own proper mission labor, we must express the conviction that the amount thus received is not commensurate with either the importance of the work or the ability of the Diocese; and urge upon the Clergy and Laity the necessity of continued effort to promote the spread of the Church within the borders of our own State.

The gross amount contributed for Church and charitable objects will, on examination, be found to fall greatly below the sum recorded in the journal of last year. Your Committee deem it proper to state that the present political *status* of the country has doubtless had an influence in restricting the offerings of the members of the Church, and prompting them to supply the wants of those in whom they had a personal interest, and who have been called into the service of the State. Yet with both these causes in operation, your Committee is glad to notice that the gross amount does not fall short of the average contributions made during the past few years.

Your Committee cannot close without congratulating the Convention upon the earnest Christian work going on among the colored people of the Diocese.

Evidence of this is found in the large number of Parishes now reported as having colored Sunday Schools forming part of their regular Parochial system. And also in the gratifying fact that two Clergymen have been added to the list of those who are willing to devote themselves exclusively to the spiritual training and pastoral care of these people. The Diocese has in this particular field an important trust to fulfil—and in the measure of its ability is now fulfilling it. We feel that continued effort in this direction will be rewarded with abundant fruit. That in the race committed by the Providence of God to our care and tutelage, the system of the Church will work itself out in the manifestation of high forms of Christian character; and in the establishment of that beautiful province of the Master's kingdom upon earth—even the kingdom of the heart and the affections—developed perhaps more fully in them than in those who are intellectually their superiors.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. HARISON, Chairman,
M. H. HENDERSON,
E. P. BROWN.

Macon, May 11, 1861.

On motion of Mr. Gordon, the following Provisional Canon was adopted:

CANON.

The Digest of the Canons for the government of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States of America, adopted in General Convention October, 1859, in so far as the same is applicable, shall continue the law of the Church in this Diocese, until otherwise ordered.

The Committee on the Admission of New Parishes presented the following

REPORT:

The Committee on the Admission of New Parishes report; that they have examined the certificate of the organization of St. Luke's Parish, Camden County, and find it in order, and recommend that the said Parish be received into full connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Georgia.

HENRY K. REES, Chairman,
GEORGE A. GORDON,
H. M. ANDERSON.

The report was adopted.

The hour having arrived for electing the Treasurers, Standing, and Missionary Committees. The rule of order requiring these elections to be by ballot, was suspended.

The following persons were then re-elected Treasurers :

Treasurer of the Diocese :

JOHN M. GUERARD, Esq.

Treasurer of the Permanent Fund :

JAMES CAMAK, M. D.

Treasurer of the University of the South :

JAMES CAMAK, M. D.

Treasurer of the Missionary Committee :

W W LINCOLN, Esq.

Before the Convention took up the election of the Trustees of the University of the South, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, presented the following letter:

Rt. Rev. STEPHEN ELLIOTT, D. D.:

My Dear Sir: — The state of my health making it impossible for me to discharge the duties of a Trustee of the University of the South, I am reluctantly compelled to resign my situation as one of the Board, and to ask of the Diocese to supply my place with some one more capable of promoting the interests of the Institution.

With my earnest wishes for the prosperity of the great work for the success of which you have so patiently labored,

I am with the highest respect, your friend,

J. HAMILTON COUPER.

The Bishop appointed Messrs. Currier, Oates and Boyd, Tellers for this election.

The Tellers appointed to count the votes for deputies to the Montgomery Convention, reported that the Rev. W C. Williams and Rev. H. K. Rees of the Clergy, Messrs. George A. Gordon and L. N. Whittle of the Laity, had been duly elected.

The Convention proceeded to ballot for one Clerical and one Lay Deputy.

On motion of Mr. Jarmon —

Resolved, That in accepting the resignation of J. Hamilton Couper, Esq., as Trustee of the University of the South, this Convention cannot forego the oppor-

many of testifying their high appreciation of his devoted services, and expressing their sincere thanks to him for his efforts in advancing the great interests committed to his charge.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to transmit to Mr. Cooper a copy of this resolution.

On motion of the Rev. William H. Clarke, the Convention re-elected the following

Missionary Committee:

Rev. Geo. H. Clark.	George A. Gordon, Esq.,
Rev. J. T. Pryse.	Wm. B. Giles, Esq.,
	J. W. Nevitt, Esq.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Harrison, it was

Resolved, That the rules of order adopted by this Convention be, and they are hereby made the standing rules of order for the Convention of this Diocese, subject to removal and amendment.

On motion of Rev. Wm. H. Clarke —

Ordered, That fifteen hundred copies of the Journal be published under the direction of the Secretary.

A motion having been made to re-elect the present Standing Committee, the Rev. Mr. Rees informed the Convention that the Rev. Dr. Ford was constrained by ill health to decline; whereupon the Rev. Wm. H. Harrison was nominated in his place.

The Convention then elected as the Standing Committee:

OF THE CLERGY:	OF THE LAITY:
Rev. W. H. Harrison.	E. F. Campbell, Esq.,
Rev. Wm. C. Williams.	Benj. Conley, Esq.,
Rev. Samuel Benedict.	Chas. Dwyer, Esq.

The Tellers reported that the following persons were elected Trustees of the University of the South:

CLERICAL:	LAY:
Rev. Wm. N. Hawes.	Daniel Griffin, Esq.,
	L. N. White, Esq.

On motion of Mr. Whittle, the following resolutions were adopted unanimously.

Resolved, That this Convention has learned with deep regret the continued ill-health of the Rev. Edward E. Ford, D. D., which has induced him to retire from the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

Resolved. That we hereby return to the Rev. Dr. Ford our heartfelt thanks, for his long, arduous, and very efficient services as Chairman of the Standing Committee.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these Resolutions to the Rev. Dr. Ford.

On motion of Mr. Whittle —

Resolved, That the Assessments * upon the various parishes for the support of the Episcopate, be published with the Proceedings of this Convention.

The Tellers reported that there was no election for the third Clerical and Lay Deputy to Montgomery.

The Convention proceeded to take another ballot.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Freeman, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Convention are hereby tendered to the families in this city, whose generous hospitality have been extended to its members, Clerical and Lay.

On motion of Mr. Carmichael —

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to send copies of the Bishop's Address to the Bishops of the Church of England, Ireland, Scotland, and the British Colonies.

The Tellers reported that the Rev. Wm. H. Clarke, and Hon. Absalom H. Chappell, were elected deputies to the Convention at Montgomery, thus completing the delegation.

Deputies to the Convention at Montgomery:

OF THE CLERGY:

Rev. W. C. Williams,
Rev. H. K. Rees,
Rev. Wm. H. Clarke.

OF THE LAITY:

George A. Gordon, Esq.,
L. N. Whittle, Esq.,
A. H. Chappell, Esq.

*See Appendix G.

The Committee to prepare resolutions of respect to the memory of the late Rev. Seneca G. Bragg, presented the following

REPORT:

Whereas, It hath pleased the Great Head of the Church, to take to himself our venerable and beloved Brother, the late Rev. Seneca G. Bragg, who for many years was the devoted pastor of Christ Church, Macon, and at the same time the earnest and faithful servant of the Church in this Diocese, on her Standing Committee, on her Missionary Committee, and among her Deputies to her highest Council, and who only retired from these various positions, as his Divine Master relieved him from the duties, by taking from him the strength to fulfil them; that this Convention would be doing violence to their own feelings, not to place on record an expression of their admiration of his character, and of gratitude to God for having so long spared to them one whose saintly piety, and holy example made him the praise of all the Churches: Therefore

Resolved, That we will ever cherish the memory of the pure life and godly conversation of our departed Brother, the "Israelite indeed in whom was no guile."

Resolved, That while under the peculiar circumstances of the case, we can only rejoice at his translation to that rest he so earnestly desired, and for which he was so thoroughly prepared; that yet we trust that the memory of his gentleness, meekness, loveliness, and at the same time his fidelity as a Pastor, will ever incite us to follow his footsteps, and lead us to seek, to adorn as he did, the doctrine of God our Saviour.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the nearest relative of the deceased.

WM. C. WILLIAMS,
E. P. BROWN,
HENRY K. REES.

The preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The Chair appointed the Rev. H. K. Rees to preach the next Convention Sermon, and the Rev. Mr. Benedict his alternate; the Rev. J. D. Easter to preach the Missionary Sermon, and the Rev. Charles H. Coley his alternate.

After Prayers by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

STEPHEN ELLIOTT, D. D.,

Bishop of the Diocese and Ex-officio President.

Attest: WM. C. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION,)
MAY 12, 1861.)

The Bishop held a Special Ordination in Christ Church, Macon, at 10½ o'clock, A. M., and admitted to the Diaconate, Mr. C. W. Thomas, late a member of the Methodist Ministry, and Chaplain in the United States Navy. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Benedict, assisted in the Lessons by Rev. Geo. H. Clark, and in the Creed and Prayers, by Rev. Dr. Henderson. The Sermon was preached by the Bishop, from 1 *Kings*, vi: 7

The Rev. Mr. George presented the Candidate, and the Rev. Mr. Williams assisted the Bishop in administering the Holy Communion.

At night, the rite of Confirmation was administered to nine persons in the same Church. Evening Prayer was read by Rev. Mr. Freeman, assisted in the Lessons by the Rev. C. W. Thomas. The Creed and Prayers were said by the Rev. J. M. Mitchell, of the Diocese of Alabama. The Annual Missionary Sermon was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Benedict, from *St. John*, vi: 9 — “*But what are they among so many?*” — and the sum of \$65.05 received for Diocesan Missions.

APPENDIX A.

Parochial Reports.

Christ Church, Savannah.

RT. REV STEPHEN ELLIOTT, D. D., *Rector.*

REV. CHARLES COLEY, *Assistant Minister.*

Baptisms—Infants,	12
Confirmations—White,	15
Communicants—Added, 10; died, 2; present number,	300
Marriages—White,	8
Burials—White,	8
Sunday School Teachers,	16
“ “ Pupils, about	120

Contributions.

Communion Alms,	\$645 96
Diocesan Missions:	
Collections in Christ Church,	\$547 32
Handed Treasurer by individuals,	25 00
In offertory at various times,	10 00
From other sources,	68 50
Diocesan Society,	319 12
Dividend Bank Stock,	132 00
	1,101 94
Of this paid Treasurer	\$917 44
Missionary at Milledgeville, old arrears,	100 00
In hand,	84 50
	1,101 94
Domestic Missions:	260 00
Sunday School, Bishop Scott, Oregon,	25 00
	\$285 00

Foreign Missions:

Through Church and Individuals,	\$260 00
Ladies' Chinese Society,	415 00
Ladies' African Society,	370 00
Sunday School, Africa,	120 00
Sunday School, China,	25 00
	—————\$1,190 00

Remitted Bishop Lay directly through Ladies of

Christ Church,	\$108 00
Missionary at St. Stephen's Chapel,	262 00
Building Fund, St. Stephen's Chapel,	427 00
Permanent Episcopal Fund,	209 30
Widows' and Orphans' Fund,	59 28
Bishop's Salary,	1,000 00
Protestant Episcopal Orphan's Home,	475 00
Bible and Prayer Book Society,	96 50

These statistics are necessarily very imperfect, as the Church has passed through half a dozen hands before coming into those of the Rector, and his assistant, whose terms of service date back only a few weeks.

A variety of reasons which it is unnecessary to detail here, have induced the present Rector to resume his charge of Christ Church, among the strongest of which was his strong attachment to a Congregation, which has ever treated him with confidence and love. An assistant having become a *necessity*, the Vestry have appropriated \$1,100 for his support, and have ratified the nomination of Mr. Coley, made by the Bishop.

The Congregation has continued very united through all its widowhood, and in their name I return thanks to the various Clergymen and to the Layman who have served them since the resignation of Dr. Balch. Many of the ministerial acts recorded here, were performed by Rev. Mr. Downing and the Rev. Mr. Claxton of Philadelphia. Mr. Geo. Gordon has kept the Church open by lay reading, whenever a Clergyman was lacking.

St. Paul's Church, Augusta.

REV. EDWARD E. FORD, D. D., *Rector.*

Baptisms—White Children,	22
Confirmed,	8
Communicants—Added, 11; died, 2; removed, 14; transferred 4; present number,	- 175
Marriages,	13
Burials, (four not of the Congregation,)	9
Sunday School—White, about	100
“ “ Colored, (the school at present suspended,)	60
“ “ Teachers,	10

Contributions.

Communion Alms,	\$349 00
Missions—Diocesan,	112 39
“ Foreign, of General Board,	26 72
“ Domestic, “ “	38 50
Permanent Episcopal Fund,	25 00
Fund for Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergy,	33 00
Quota of the Bishop's Salary,	500 00
For a local Charity,	72 00

The Church Orphan Asylum has been maintained for the past year, and some needed repairs put upon the house, at an expenditure of about \$1,000, the amount being raised through membership subscriptions, sales of articles by the Ladies' Working Association, and occasional donations in money.

A new and very handsome organ, of large compass and power, and great sweetness of tone, has been obtained during the past year, from the house of Messrs. Jardine & Son, of New York, and was first used on Easter. The cost of the instrument, with incidental expenses, in money, (the Messrs. Jardine receiving the old organ in part payment,) has been about \$2,200. It is fully paid for, the amount having been raised by subscriptions, all of which are paid in.

During the past year, the roof of the Church has been renewed, and the edifice re-painted and altered in several particulars within, greatly to its improved appearance, and to the more suitable presentation of the Church's services. These last mentioned improvements necessitated the closing of the Church and the suspension of the services for about four months, during parts of the past summer and autumn.

This, of course, interfered with the collections, which with us are *monthly*, for *Communion Alms*, and for *Diocesan Missions*, and it goes to account for the comparatively small amount of these collections as herein reported; and if the collections for some other objects fall short of the corresponding items in our previous reports, it is thought that when the large expenditures for the organ, and the Church Orphan Asylum are considered, the parish cannot justly be held to have failed during the past year in "devising liberal things."

Still, the Rector is compelled, not without deep regret, to realize that the interests of the parish have suffered in some important particulars during the past year, from the continued ill health with which it has pleased God to visit him. He is conscious, however, of having "done what he could," and he devoutly trusts that, through the Divine blessing upon the temporary suspension of labor, for which the Vestry have lately made kind and liberal provision, he may be enabled, at no distant time, to resume his labors with increased efficiency, among a people before whom he has been "going in and out" for twenty-nine years.

Christ Church, St. Simon's.

REV. E. P. BROWN, *Rector*.

Baptisms—Infants, -	1
Communicants—Died, 1 ; present number, white, 15 ;	
black, 29, -	44
Burials—White, 3 ; colored, 1,	4

Contributions.

Missions—Diocesan,	\$8 60
Special Benevolent Object,	5 00
Bishop's Salary,	20 00
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	\$33 60

As the greater portion of the negroes upon St. Simons are not connected with the Church, the work which is done is not to be measured by the number which can be reported as either baptized or confirmed. The Rector feels that his mission is to elevate the soul to God by an exhibition of his character and love. And although for purposes of discipline a valuable end would be gained though their connection with the Church, he is comforted in his work by the higher tone of morals which is generally apparent; and more especially when again, and again there is peace in death, and the assured hope of a blessed immortality, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ Church, Macon.

REV. HENRY K. REES, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Adults, white, 2; infants, 9,	11
Communicants—Added, 5; removed, 3; present number,	127
Marriages—White, -	5
Burials—White, 8; colored, 1,	9
Sunday School Teachers, -	19
Sunday School Pupils—White, 90; colored, 60,	150

Contributions.

Communion Alms, -	\$150 00
Missions—Diocesan, -	167 20
“ Foreign,	36 00
Ladies' Sewing Society,	218 75
Sunday School Contributions,	20 00
Bishop's Salary, -	300 00
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Total,	\$891 95

While the contributions of the Parish are reported as smaller this year than usual, there has been much more actually contributed by the members of the Congregation in acts of praise worthy benevolence; even the children at the Christmas Festival, instead of being receivers of gifts from their Christmas Tree, brought offerings of useful articles for the poor, which their Pastor has been distributing all winter to those in want.

There has been instituted a Church Home, which for five months has been in successful operation and with increasing interest. The name hardly indicates its purpose for it combines several distinct objects.

A small house was rented in which resides a matron or nurse, who receives and takes care of the sick and destitute, and will receive orphan children. She also visits the poor and afflicted, reporting them to the Pastor. She has gathered over twenty women, who meet once a week at the Home for instruction in needle and domestic work, and for religious teaching. This meeting has been placed in charge of two of the female communicants of the Church, and is attended with increasing interest by those in charge and by those who come to receive the benefits of such kindly and Christian intercourse.

Another use of the Home has been a free night school for adults, sustained by three or four young men, who have been punctual and indefatigable in their work, two of them have been called from this humble work of charity to their Country's service — may God be with them — we want others to sustain their work.

Another evening a congregation is gathered at the Home for strictly religious services, in which the Prayer Book is being introduced, as far as those utterly unacquainted with its use can receive its help and guidance in worship. All now repeat the Confession, Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed, with solemnity and earnestness, and our little chapel is filled with serious and attentive worshippers.

We are feeling a deep interest in this whole undertaking in all of its several departments, hoping that it will grow into a permanent source of usefulness and efficient Church work.

It is supported by the efforts of the young people of the Congregation, who meet once a week at the parsonage for working, and in different ways forwarding its interests.

This Parish has been called upon during the past year to mourn the death of the Rev. Seneca G. Bragg, their first Rector, and who has for so many years been among them as their Father in God, the counsellor of those who have been called to be his successors in the ministry, and the comforter and guide of all with whom he associated; his prayers of faith were our encouragement and support, and we mourn his loss, as children for a father; all revere his memory; all thank God for his holy example. May his mantle rest on all who shall labor in his place.

Trinity Church, Columbus.

REV. WILLIAM N. HAWKS, *Rector*.

Baptisms—Adults, white, 1; infants, white, 22; colored, 2,	25
Confirmations—White,	9
Communicants—Added, 8; died, 1; removed, 8; present number,	163
Marriages—White, 7; colored, 2,	9
Burials—White,	9
Sunday School Teachers,	16
“ “ Pupils—White, 124; colored, 27,	151

Contributions.

Communion Alms,	\$251 95
Missions—Diocesan	52 30
“ Domestic,	54 63
“ Foreign,	34 00
Parochial Purposes,	1,500 00
Special Benevolent Objects,	300 00
Protestant Irish Society,	55 00
Sunday School Contribution,	34 71
Permanent Episcopal Fund,	54 55
Amount carried forward;	<u>\$2,337 14</u>

Amount brought forward,	\$2,337 14
Widows' and Orphans' Fund,	22 25
Bishop's Salary,	250 00
Convention Expenses,	32 60
Total,	<u>\$2,641 99</u>

Of the \$1,500 contributed for Parochial purposes, we are indebted to the Ladies' Sewing Society of this parish for \$640. which they have very generously and cheerfully given for the enlarging of the Church edifice and the purchase of new carpets. By this timely aid on their part, we have not only been enabled to improve the appearance of the building and supply sufficient room for the present needs of our white population, but also to provide for the necessities of our servants, an object long desired by the Rector and many of his parishioners.

St. John's Church, Savannah.

REV GEO. H. CLARK, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Infants,	22
Confirmations—White,	- 5
Communicants—Added, 22; died, 9; removed, 17, present number,	181
Marriages—White,	14
Burials—White,	- 20
Sunday School Teachers,	12
“ “ Pupils—White,	85

Contributions.

Communion Alms,	\$333 76
Missions—Diocesan,	154 00
Special Benevolent Objects,	55 00
St. Stephen's Chapel,	326 11
Orphans' Home,	293 00

Amount carried forward,	<u>\$1,161 87</u>
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Amount brought forward,	\$1,161 87
China Mission,	99 50
Sunday School Contribution for China Mission,	25 00
“ “ “ “ African Mission,	20 00
Permanent Episcopal Fund,	53 00
Widows' and Orphans' Fund,	24 50
Bishop's Salary, - - - - -	350 00
Total,	<hr/> \$1,733 87

St. Stephen's Church, Milledgeville.

THE SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT.

Baptisms—Infants,	- 3
Communicants—Added, 3; withdrawn, 2; removed, 2;	
present number,	24
Burials—White, not of the Congregation,	1
Sunday School Teachers,	2
“ “ Pupils—White,	8

Contributions.

Communion Alms, First Sunday after Easter,	\$5 25
Missions, Diocesan, Collection Easter Sunday,	14 75
Bishop's Salary,	10 00
Total,	<hr/> \$30 00

Since last December, when the Rector resigned and left the Diocese, the service has been very acceptably performed by Gen. H. C. Wayne, who has had the kindness and Christian courtesy to volunteer his services as Lay Reader and Superintendent of the Sunday School.

During the Lenten season, services were regularly performed on Wednesdays and Fridays.

The general attendance on Sundays is fully equal to that when we had a Minister.

On the first Sunday after Easter, the Holy Communion was

celebrated by the Rev Mr. Rees, of Christ Church, Macon. The usual number of Communicants were present. Owing to the imperfect condition in which I found the records of last year, I have not been able to ascertain the Collections, Communion Alms, &c., therefore I have not included any in this report excepting those of Easter, and the Sunday following.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. COTTING.

St. Andrew's Church, Darien.

REV. SAMUEL J. PINKERTON, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Adults, white, 2; colored, 2; infants, white, 4,	8
Confirmations—White, 5; colored, 2,	7
Communicants—Removed, 2; present number, white, 68;	
colored, 4,	72
Marriages—Colored,	2
Burial—White,	1
Sunday School Teachers,	7
“ “ Pupils—White, 15; colored, 38,	53

Contributions.

Communion Alms,	\$53 40
Missions—Diocesan,	65 93
Parochial Purposes, about - - -	100 00
Special Benevolent Objects, - - -	35 00
Sunday School Contributions, - - -	6 00
Permanent Episcopal Fund, - - -	10 00
Widows' and Orphans' Fund, - - -	10 18
Bishop's Salary, - - -	25 00
Total, - - -	<u>\$305 51</u>

In conformity with the wishes of the Bishop of the Diocese, I have transferred to the care of the Missionary for the colored people within the limits of St. Andrew's Parish, fifty-one of the colored Communicants of this Church. In this connection it is proper that I should state—as a

circumstance which may account in a good degree for the smallness of our contributions to missions—that the one above alluded to is wholly sustained by members of St. Andrew's Church, at an expense of about one thousand dollars per year. The gentlemen, who have thus manifested their concern for the spiritual welfare of the colored people belonging to their plantations, deserve the highest commendation. May their own souls be watered by that grace, of which there is enough for all of every clime and of every color.

St. David's Church, Glynn Co.

REV. E. P. BROWN, *Rector*.

Communicants—Died, 1; present number, 8

Contributions.

Missions—Diocesan,	-	-	-	\$13 40
Special Benevolent Objects,			-	200 00
Bishop's Salary,	-	-	-	25 00
Total,	-	-	-	<u>\$238 40</u>

The mission to the negroes, at this point, is one of importance. It is sustained by the few families which make up the white Congregation. The services are intermittent, as a portion of the Rector's time is given to St. Simon's. The work is one of unflagging interest. It would be gratifying to report a large number annually for confirmation; and a feeling of discouragement is often present that this is not the case. It will not be until the whole mass is leavened—until, as a body they connect themselves with the Church. In the mean time, the work which is done is not in vain, and the Rector is thankful that a portion of his labor is given in this direction.

St. James' Church, Marietta.REV. SAMUEL BENEDICT, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Adults, white, 9; infants, white, 10,	-	19
Confirmations—White,	-	20
Communicants—Added, 27; died, 3; removed, 3; present number,	-	82
Marriages—White, 2; colored, 1,	-	3
Burials—White,	-	6
Sunday School Teachers,	-	12
“ “ Pupils—White, 67; colored, 30,	-	97

Contributions.

Communion Alms, not otherwise appropriated,	-	\$81 85
Missions—Diocesan,	-	48 60
“ Domestic,	-	18 50
“ Foreign,	-	20 50
Parish Expenses,	-	87 60
Church Improvements,	-	1,190 00
Sunday School Purposes,	-	8 25
Permanent Episcopal Fund,	-	9 45
Widows' and Orphans' Fund,	-	10 00
Bishop's Salary,	-	25 00
Convention Expenses,	-	16 20
Total,	-	\$1,515 95

By the good providence and blessing of God, we are able to present a more than usually favorable report.

We have gained from abroad more than we have lost by both removals and death: leaving the whole number of those added through confirmations, so much clear gain to our communion list.

Considerable improvements have been made in our Church edifice. The galleries have been lowered, the whole interior re-seated, painted and grained. A large brick tower has been added to the front. The plan contemplated considerable further improvement upon the whole exterior of the edifice and

upon the church lot. The troubles of the country interrupted our work after we had become involved to the amount of about fourteen hundred dollars. Through the liberality of a few individuals, however, the larger part of this expenditure is already provided for, and we hope, that soon the whole proposed improvements will be completed and *paid for*.

A Female Seminary for boarding and day pupils has been opened, of which the Minister of the parish is the Rector. With the aid of competent instructors, we hope to deserve from the Churchmen of the Diocese, the patronage we venture to solicit.

Emmanuel Church, Athens.

REV. MATTHEW H. HENDERSON, D. D., *Rector*.

Baptisms—Adults, white, 6; infants, white, 11,	17
Confirmations—White,	15
Communicants—Added, 14; died, 1; removed, 14; present number,	72
Marriages—White, 2; colored, 1,	3
Burials—White,	1
Sunday School Teachers,	12
“ “ Pupils—White, 63; colored, 9;	72

Contributions.

Communion Alms,	\$87 75
Missions—Diocesan,	109 36
“ Domestic,	18 70
Parochial Purposes,	400 00
Expenses of Convention,	10 00
Widows' and Orphans' Fund,	11 40
Bishop's Salary,	10 00
Total,	<hr/> \$647 21

The interior of the Church has been greatly improved by carpeting, and the introduction of gas with suitable fixtures, at an expense of about \$400.

The Rector has officiated in Clarkesville and Gainesville. In Clarkesville, he made a collection of \$22,30 for general Domestic Missions, and one of \$20,20 for Diocesan Missions. In Gainesville, he made a collection of \$22,85 for Diocesan Missions. He has also held services near the Princeton Factory, and in Jackson County. These last were held in the open air, and were evidently attended with much interest. A Sunday School has been opened near the Princeton Factory, under the superintendence of Mr. Starr—a candidate for Holy Orders,—with sixteen scholars.

There are two candidates for Holy Orders, connected with the parish; one is now ready for ordination, and will enter upon an important field of labor in the Diocese. The other is actively pursuing his studies with the Rector.

As agent of the Society for the increase of the Ministry, the Rector has received, from different sources, \$188. Appropriated for the candidates of our own Diocese.

The collections have been made quarterly for Diocesan Missions, with the best results.

St. Peter's Church, Rome.

REV. WM. H. CLARKE, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Adults, white, 3; infants, white, 16; colored, 2	21
Confirmations—White, 7; colored, 2,	9
Communicants—Added, including 3 not before reported, who live in adjoining counties, 14; suspended, 1; re- moved, 3; present number, of whom 2 are colored,	60
Burials—White,	7
Sunday School Teachers,	8
“ “ Pupils—White, 30; colored, 10,	40

Contributions.

Communion Alms,	\$62 95
Missions—Diocesan,	87 50
Amount carried forward,	<hr/> \$150 45

Amount brought forward,	\$150 45
Missions—Domestic, including special gifts to Danville, Ky., and Fernandina, Fla.,	41 00
“ Foreign,	20 50
Parochial Purposes,	124 10
Permanent Episcopal Fund,	19 00
Widows' and Orphans' Fund,	17 40
Bishop's Salary,	10 00
Convention Fund,	11 60
Total,	<hr/> \$394 05

Notwithstanding the effect of the existing depression in business, and the political revolution through which we are passing, upon the temporal interests of our people, the year now closing has been most prosperous and happy to us as a Church and Congregation.

I desire in this place, to express our indebtedness to the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of St. James' Church, Marietta, for the free and unsolicited gift of the organ formerly used by them in their own worship.

St. Philip's Church, Atlanta.

REV. A. F. FREEMAN, *Rector*.

Baptisms—Adults, white, 4; infants, white, 6,	10
Confirmations—White, 18; colored, 1,	19
Communicants—Present number,	70
Marriages—White, 7; colored, 1,	8
Burials—White,	4
Sunday School Teachers,	9
“ “ Pupils—White,	60

The interests of the Episcopal Church in Atlanta, are still suffering from the want of a spacious church building. Our purpose of building entered upon last summer, is now indefinitely postponed. We wait and hope for better times.

Zion Church, Talbotton.

REV. WILLIAM N. HAWKS, *Rector*, assisted by REV. S. D.
LANEY, *Deacon*.

Communicants—Present number,	10
Sunday School Teachers,	5
“ “ Pupils—White,	13

Contributions.

Communion Alms,	\$3 40
Missions—Diocesan, .	5 10
Parochial Purposes,	76 32
Bishop's Salary,	7 00
Convention Expenses,	80
Total,	<hr/> \$92 62

Since the last report made to the Convention, the Sunday School has been revived. The children receive regular monthly instruction in the Church, in the Church Catechism. Several persons belonging to the congregation are now ready for confirmation. Although the community generally do not rightly understand and appreciate the teaching of the Church, still we hope and think there is a gradual, although slight improvement in the Sunday School and in the attendance of the congregation. Through the exertions of the Ladies of the Parish, the Church building has undergone some improvements which add both to its appearance and comfort.

Church of the Advent, Madison.

REV. C. H. COLEY, *late Rector*.

Confirmations—White,	1
Communicants—Added, 1; removed, 2; present number	15
Sunday School Teachers,	3
“ “ Pupils—White, 14; colored, 10,	24

Contributions.

Communion Alms,	\$17 10
Missions—Diocesan,	42 25
“ Domestic,	20 00
Bishop's Salary,	10 00
Total,	<hr/> \$89 35

St. Paul's Church, Albany.REV. GEO. MACAULEY, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Adults, whites, 3; infants 7,	10
Confirmations—Whites,	3
Communicants—Added, 7; removed, 1; present number,	
whites, 42; colored, 30,	72
There are, at points adjacent to the parish, 25 white communicants who are without the services of the Church.	
Marriages—White,	2
Burials—White,	6
Sunday School Teachers,	6
“ “ Pupils—white, 28; colored, 36,	64

Contributions.

Communion Alms,	\$31 00
Bishop's Salary,	25 00
Total,	<hr/> \$56 00

This Parish has not been called upon during the past year to contribute to Missionary purposes. Looking forward to the building of a parsonage, the resources of the Parish have been reserved for the accomplishment of this, and other necessary improvements.

The Rector desires here to express his gratitude to every member of his Parish, and indeed to every citizen of the community in which he ministers, for their kindness and liberality to him and his family.

Church of the Atonement, Augusta.REV. W. H. HARISON, *Rector*.

Baptisms—Adults, 2; infants, 20,	22
Confirmations,	6
Communicants—Added, 14; died, 1; removed 9; present number,	46
Marriages,	6
Burials,	12
Sunday School Teachers,	6
“ “ Pupils,	83

Contributions.

Communion Alms,	\$82 87
Missions—Diocesan,	37 98
“ Domestic,	28 10
“ Foreign,	21 20
Parochial Purposes,	646 10
Special Benevolent Objects,	44 75
Permanent Episcopal Fund,	10 00
Widows' and Orphans' Fund,	14 60
Bishop's Salary,	25 00
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	\$910 60

Church of the Messiah, St. Marys.REV. JOHN D. EASTER, *Rector*.

Baptisms—Infants, white, 5; colored, 18,	23
Confirmations—White, 3; colored, 1,	4
Communicants—Added, 7; removed, 3; present number,	
white, 22; colored, 3,	25
Marriages—White,	2
Burials—White, 1; colored, 1,	2
Sunday School Teachers	2
“ “ Pupils,	9

Contributions.

Communion Alms,	\$8 10
Missions—Diocesan,	19 82
“ Domestic,	2 00
“ Foreign, for Africa, from negroes,	1 29
Parochial Purposes,	23 74
Special Benevolent Objects,	6 00
Widows' and Orphans' Fund,	5 00
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	\$65 95

Church of Ascension, Cass Co.

REV. WM. H. CLARKE, *Missionary in charge.*

Communicants—Present number, 4

During the past year I have been unavoidably prevented from giving this station the little attention hitherto rendered, and can add nothing to my previous reports. It is my purpose to officiate here at occasional intervals, until some better arrangement can be made.

Church of the Good Shepherd, Cave Spring.

REV. WM. H. CLARKE, *Missionary in charge.*

Baptisms—Infants, white, 1,	1
Communicants—Added, 1; withdrawn, 1; present number,	5

Services were held in this Church by the Rev. Mr. Rees, or myself, very regularly last summer, and the congregations were most encouraging on every occasion.

With the help of a permanent assistant, something might be accomplished for the church here, and at Van Wert, in the County of Polk.

Ogeechee Mission.REV WM. C. WILLIAMS, *Missionary.*

Baptisms—Adults, colored, 9; infants, white, 1; colored,	
36.	43
Communicants—Added, 23; restored, 7; repelled 8;	
died, 1; present number,	357
Marriages—Colored,	10
Burials—Colored,	14
Sunday School Pupils—Colored	340

Contributions.

Communion Aids,	840 93
Missions—Domestic,	5 00
“ Foreign,	13 00
Parochial Purposes,	36 45
Bishop's Salary,	10 00
Total,	\$125 40

Since the last Convention an addition to the Church has been made which while it has improved the appearance, has also given increased accommodation and a belfry. From the first Sunday in January the sound of the church-going bell has been heard echoing on the banks of the Ogeechee—and it is hoped it will hereafter insure greater punctuality in the attendance.

The proprietors of one of the places have completed a Chapel for the use of their people, which the Missionary regards as the model of a Chapel for plantation purposes.

We have every thing to encourage us to press onward, with increasing earnestness. All we have to ask is the outpouring of the Holy Ghost.

St. Stephen's Church, Savannah.

A. S. S. against Plagiarism or Theft.

REV. THOMAS JEFFERSON STALEY, *Messenger.*

Baptisms—Adults, colored, 4; infants, white, 6; colored, 27	87
Confirmations—Colored,	10
Communicants—Admitted, 12; expelled, 1; died, 1; removed, 6; present number St. Stephen's Church, 61; Deyford, 17,	78
Marriages—White, 1; colored, 9,	10
Burials—White, 8; colored, 9	12
Sunday School Teachers,	9
" " Payers—Colored	60

Contributions.

Communion Aids,	\$25 76
Parsonia. Purposes,	585 71
Sunday School Contributions, as reported by Mrs. Kelleck,	14 87
Total,	\$625 67

By the blessing of Almighty God upon our labors, one year almost to the very day from the time that the corner stone of our little building was laid, we were enabled to open our beautiful Church for Divine Service, and meet together with thankful hearts, to praise Him, who is the giver of all good.

Though the difficulties of the times prevented us from completing it as we anticipated in November last, yet when we take into consideration the smallness of our congregation, the scarcity of money and the many obstacles that stood in our way and then realize that our little Church is at last finished, and we quietly worshipping in it, we feel that a great work has been accomplished, and that we ought to thank God for His manifold mercies.

The erection of our Church has been, in deed and in truth, a work of faith. Starting from a private conversation at Sunday School, it has gone on and on; and though we have often been faint and despairing; though it has often come well nigh to the last cent in the treasury; though at times the work has been stopped; yet, our darkest hours have been just before the dawning of our brightest hopes. Frequently, as we thought all must be abandoned, some kind friend has come forward, lent a helping hand, and again the work has gone onward with renewed vigor. Thus has it been from the commencement, and now we can say from the depths of our hearts, "Jehovah Jireh." It has been a place of many struggles, many hopes, many prayers. God grant that we may all labor as devotedly to build up the spiritual house, as we have the temporal.

We hereby return our heartfelt thanks to all those who have contributed so liberally of their money and labor to help us, and especially to Mrs. Dr. Kollock, who has acted as our treasurer from the beginning—whose labors have been great in behalf of our Church.

While we have advanced thus temporally, we trust that our spiritual progress has been equally rapid. All the Church festivals and fasts, have, with but a few exceptions, been observed. Our Chapel was open daily during Lent, on Christmas day, Ash Wednesday, and Good Friday. Three services have been held nearly every Sunday in the year. As we have always pointed our people to Christ crucified, as their only hope and salvation, so we have directed their attention to the many beauties and excellencies of His One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Church, teaching them that peace can be most safely sought, most surely obtained, within her pale.

Our thanks are due to Rev. Messrs. Benedict, Coley, Clark, and Williams, for the administration of the Holy Communion; to all the Clergy who have rendered us assistance, and to the kind ladies of Christ Church for the presentation of a nice gown.

We took charge of the mission at Deptford, in December

last. We have not, as yet, had any confirmations, but the field is encouraging. Great good may be done here if a minister will only go in the spirit of his Divine Master.

During the year, God has taken to Himself one of the very best of women, one of our Communicants.

St. Paul's Free Church, Savannah.

REV. JOHN T. PRYSE, *late Rector.*

Baptisms—Infants, white,	21
Confirmations,	5
Communicants—Died, 1; removed, 7; added, 6; present number,	39
Marriages—White,	7
Burials—White,	10

Contributions.

Offertory—For support of Church,	\$413 09
Private Subscriptions — For salary of Assistant Minister,	500 00
Special Donations — Towards Furnace, &c., from members of the Congregation,	67 35
From two ladies, not of the Congregation,	45 00—112 35
To pay balance on Sunday School Library,	6 15
Total,	\$1,031 59.

This Report comprises the statistics of the Parish, from the last Diocesan Convention to the 22d of March last; at which time I resigned my charge as Rector of the Church.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT.

Confirmations—White,	1
Sunday School Teachers,	9
“ “ Pupils, white,	65

Contributions.

Offertory—From March 24th, 1861.	\$124 19
St. Stephen's Church,	50 00
Diocesan Missions,	25 25
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Total,	\$109 54

On the 22d of March last, the Rev. John T. Pryse resigned his charge as Rector, after which, the Rev H. E. Tschudy, then the assistant minister, had charge of the Parish until Easter, when his engagement ended, since that time the services have been kept up by lay reading, with occasional clerical aid.

The parish owes to Rev. John T. Pryse \$2,727 10, for amount advanced by him for erection of Church edifice, all of which is secured by the corporate notes of the Parish bearing interest, and \$2500 of it by mortgage also. Suits have been instituted against the Parish upon the whole claim and judgment has been obtained upon a part of it.

The Confirmation reported took place at Christ Church.

JOHN M. GUERARD, *Senior Warden.*

St. Mark's Church, Brunswick.

REV. JOHN D. EASTER, *Rector.*

Baptisms—Adults, white, 5; infants, white, 17,	22
Confirmations—White,	10
Communicants—Added, 11; removed, 5; present number,	17
Sunday School Teachers,	6
“ “ Pupils—White, 15; colored, 24,	39

Contributions.

Communion Alms,	\$18 50
Missions—Diocesan,	33 10
Parochial Purposes,	9 15
Special Benevolent Objects,	12 25
	<hr/>
Total,	\$73 00
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Right Rev. and Dear Sir

Since my last report, the mission in Griffin and its vicinity has undergone little or no change.

The number of communicants is about the same, we have lost some and gained some. One very dear to us, the sharer of all our joys and sorrows, has ended her beautiful life, and gone to her heavenly rest. There are several persons awaiting Confirmation. Our Schools are in a prosperous condition. The Sunday School for the whites numbers over fifty pupils and has six regular teachers. We have a School for the blacks also, this is somewhat irregular, some Sundays we have more and others again less, upon the whole it is on the increase. Our Day School which is conducted upon the parish plan, now numbers over seventy pupils and has three teachers.

Our present place of worship is central and very comfortably arranged. The congregation is enlarging and growing more regular. We have not been able as yet to move in our Church building; but very little has been done in the way of making collections for that object. This matter remains pretty much as it was at my last report.

Respectfully yours, in Christ,

J. H. GEORGE.

Griffin, May 8th, 1861.

To the Right Rev. Stephen Elliott, D. D., Bishop of Georgia :

Since the date of my last report, I have been engaged, as heretofore, in assisting the Rectors of both Churches in Augusta, chiefly the Rector of St. Paul's, to whom I have rendered aid almost uninterruptedly with the exception of the interval from August 19th, to October 21st, 1860, when I was engaged in the Church of the Atonement during the Rector's absence.

I have been engaged wholly in St. Paul's since February 17th, 1861, in consequence of the indisposition of the Rector.

During the year I officiated and preached three times, by invitation, at Christ's Church, Savannah, and twice at the Church of St. Thaddeus, Aiken, South Carolina.

JOHN NEELY.

Augusta, Ga., 8th May, 1861.

To the Rt. Rev. Stephen Elliott, D. D., Bishop of Georgia:

The undersigned respectfully reports, that since his resignation of the Rectorship of St. Paul's Church, on the 22d of March last, he has performed the following ministerial services:

Baptisms—White, infants,	2
Marriages—White,	2

JOHN T. PRYSE.

Savannah, May 8, 1861.

To the Rt. Rev. Stephen Elliott, D. D., Bishop of Georgia.

RT. REV AND DEAR SIR—Since my last report I have been officiating as minister of St. Peter's Parish, Robertville, South Carolina. I will report in full to the Bishop of South Carolina.

Respectfully yours,

RICHARD JOHNSON.

Robertville, May 25, 1861.

Abstract Parochial Reports, Diocese of Georgia, to the Annual Convention, May, 1861.

CHURCHES.	Baptisms.		Communicants.				Marriages.		Burials.		S. Sch'ls.		Contributions.					RECTORS.	
	Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Added.	Died.	Removed.	Disciplined, &c.	Present Number.			Teachers.	Scholars.	Communion Alms.	Diocesan Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Other Church or Charitable Objects.		Total.
Christ, Savannah.	12	.....	12	15	2	.....	.....	300	8	8	16	120	645 96	1101 94	285 00	1190 00	2637 08	5859 98	Rt. Rev. S. Elliott, D. D.
St. Paul's, Augusta.	22	.....	22	175	13	.....	.....	175	13	9	10	160	349 00	112 30	38 50	26 72	3820 00	4356 61	Rev. E. E. Ford, D. D.
Christ, St. Simons.	1	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	44	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 60	.....	.....	25 00	83 60	Rev. E. P. Brown.
Christ, Macon.	9	2	11	5	.....	3	.....	127	5	9	19	150	150 00	167 20	.....	36 00	538 75	891 95	Rev. H. K. Rees.
Trinity, Columbus.	24	1	25	9	1	8	.....	163	9	9	16	151	251 95	52 30	54 63	34 00	2249 11	2641 99	Rev. Wm. N. Hawks.
Grace, Clarkesville.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 20	22 30	.....	.....	42 50	Rev. Wm. E. Eppes.
St. John's, Savannah.	22	.....	22	5	22	9	17	151	14	20	12	15	383 76	154 00	.....	144 50	1101 61	1733 87	Rev. George H. Clark.
St. Stephen's, Milledville	3	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 25	14 75	.....	.....	10 00	30 00	Rev. S. J. Pinkerton.
St. Andrew's, Darien.	4	4	8	7	.....	2	.....	72	2	1	7	53	53 40	65 35	.....	.....	156 18	305 51	Rev. E. P. Brown.
St. David's, Glynn.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	00 00	13 40	.....	.....	225 00	238 40	Rev. Samuel Benedict.
St. James, Marietta.	10	9	19	20	27	3	.....	82	3	6	12	97	81 85	48 60	18 50	20 50	1346 50	1515 95	Rev. M. H. Henderson, D. D.
Emmanuel, Athens.	11	6	17	15	14	1	14	72	3	1	12	72	87 75	109 35	18 70	.....	431 40	647 21	Rev. M. H. Henderson, D. D.
St. Peter's, Rome.	18	3	21	9	14	3	1	60	7	8	40	62 95	87 50	.....	41 00	20 50	132 10	394 05	Rev. Wm. H. Clarke.
St. Philips, Atlanta	6	4	10	19	.....	.....	.....	70	8	4	9	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. A. F. Freeman.
Zion, Talbotton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 40	5 10	.....	.....	54 12	92 62	Rev. Wm. N. Hawks.
Advent, Madison	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	89 5	Rev. George Macaulay.
St. Paul's, Albany.	7	3	10	3	7	1	.....	22	2	6	6	64	31 00	.....	20 00	.....	25 00	56 00	Rev. Wm. H. Harrison.
Atonement, Augusta.	20	2	22	6	14	1	9	82	6	12	6	83	82 87	37 98	28 10	21 20	440 45	9 0 60	Rev. J. D. Easter.
Messiah, St. Marys.	23	.....	23	4	7	3	.....	25	2	2	2	9	8 10	19 82	2 00	1 29	34 74	65 95	Rev. J. D. Easter.
Ascension, Cass County	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. Wm. H. Clarke.
Good Shepherd, C. Spring	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. Wm. H. Clarke.
St. James, Ogeechee.	37	9	46	30	1	.....	1	87	10	14	.....	340	40 95	.....	5 00	13 00	66 45	125 40	Rev. Wm. H. Clarke.
St. Stephen's, Savannah.	33	4	37	10	12	1	8	13	12	9	60	.....	28 76	.....	.....	.....	599 91	628 67	Rev. Wm. C. Williams.
St. Paul's Savannah.	21	.....	21	6	1	7	.....	39	7	10	9	65	.....	25 35	.....	.....	1205 78	1231 13	Rev. T. J. Staley.
St. Mark's, Brunswick.	17	5	22	10	11	5	.....	7	.....	.....	6	39	18 50	33 10	.....	.....	21 40	73 00	Rev. J. D. Easter.
St. George's, Griffin.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. J. H. George.
Grace, Gainsville	301	52	353	157	211	24	100	13	2083	102	134	175	225285	214262	53773	150771	15550 58	21987 19	

APPENDIX B.

Report of the Wardens of Christ Church, Savannah, in relation to the Fund for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen.

The Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church, Savannah, Trustees of the Fund for the Relief the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, of the Diocese of Georgia,

REPORT :

That at the last Diocesan Convention, as will be seen by reference to their report, the balance on hand was. .\$.103 24
That they have received since from the following

Parishes :

1860, May.	St. Paul's, Augusta,	27 00
"	" Christ Church, Macon, .	40 00
"	" St. Andrew's, Darien, .	10 00
"	" Trinity Church, Columbus,	48 55
"	" Church of Atonement, Augusta,.	16 78
"	" St. Stephen's, Milledgeville, ..	18 25
1861, Jan.	St. Paul's, Savannah, (for last year).	19 87
"	" St. John's, Savannah,	26 50
"	" St. Peter's, Rome,	17 40
"	" St. James', Marietta,	10 00
"	" Christ Church, Savannah,	59 28
"	" Church of the Atonement, Augusta,	14 60
"	" Church of the Messiah, St. Marys..	5 00

Making total from Parishes with balance of last year, \$416 47

Amount brought forward, \$416 47

And that they have received for interest on investments—

1860, June 1.	Coupons on bond due this day,	...	70 00
“ July 1.	“ “ “ “		17 50
“ Dec. 1.	“ “ “ “		70 00
1861, Jan. 1.	“ “ “ “		17 50
Making total receipts. ..			<u>\$.591 47</u>

They report that they have purchased one Bond on the City of Savannah, dated February 1, 1853, payable in twenty-five years, coupons payable Dec. 1, and Aug. 1, for \$500, at par, \$.500 00

Leaving a balance on hand, \$91 47

The investments for this fund are now \$3,000 Bond of the City of Savannah, bearing 7 per cent. interest.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HUNTER, } *Wardens of*
WM. H. CUYLER, } *Christ Church.*

Savannah, Easter Monday, 1861.

NOTE.—Since the above report, contributions have been received as follows : St. Paul's, Augusta, \$33 ; Emmanuel, Athens, \$11 40 ; which will be included in the report for next year. It is earnestly requested that all contributions to this fund should be remitted to George A. Cuyler, Secretary and Treasurer of Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church, at least one week before Easter Monday of each year, on which day the report is submitted to the Trustees.

APPENDIX C.

DR. JAMES CAMAK, Treasurer, in account with Episcopal Fund, Diocese of Georgia. *CR.*

1860.		1860.	1861.
May 1,	July 1,	May 1,	May 1,
Cash on hand from last account, .....	..\$519 95	Cash paid for Alabama & F. R. R. Bond, ..	..\$1,000 00
" from Christ Church, Savannah, .....	..\$210 00		
" St. John's Church, Savannah, ..	53 00		
" St. Paul's Church, Augusta,	42 00		
" Trinity Church, Columbus, ..	60 25		
" St. Peter's Church, Rome, ..	17 00		
" St. James' Church, Marietta,	11 20		
" St. Stephen's Church, Milledgeville, ..	7 00		
" St. Paul's Church, Savannah, ..	20 00		
" Christ Church, Macon,	63 00		
" Church of the Atonement, Augusta, ..	17 56		
	<u>501 01</u>		
Rec'd interest on \$1,000 Bond, 8 per ct., 1 yr. ..	80 00		
" " \$1,000 Note, 1½ months, ..	8 74		
" " \$1,000 Bond, 8 pr. ct., 6 mos. ..	40 00		
	<u>128 74</u>	Cash on hand, ..	179 70
			<u>\$1,179 70</u>

May 1, 1861, Amount invested up to date in solvent R. R. Bonds, at 8 per cent., \$2,000.
As several of the Churches pay in advance their contributions, I will have for investment this month the additional sum of \$500.

Very respectfully submitted,

JAMES CAMAK,
Treasurer Episcopal Fund, Diocese of Georgia.

APPENDIX D.

DR. Missionary Committee of the Diocese of Georgia in Account with W W LINCOLN, Treasurer. CR.

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March 7,	"	"	J. G. Downing,	25 00	1861.	"	"	St. Paul's Church, Augusta,	25 00
" 30,	"	"	E. P. Brown,	60 00	Jany. 11,	"	"	Advent Church, Madison,	10 70
April 18,	"	"	C. H. Coley, ..	.....	50 00	Feb. 2,	"	"	St. Peter's Church, Rome,	15 00
" 20,	"	"	W. H. Harison,	.....	100 00	" 2,	"	"	Christ Church, Savannah,	12 00
" 22,	"	"	W. H. Clarke,	.....	25 00	" 12,	"	"	Christ Church, Savannah,	338 73
" 23,	"	"	M. H. Henderson,	.,. .	47 65	" 12,	"	"	Ladies' Mis. Society, "	130 00
May 6,	Cash on hand,	.. . . .			382 50	" "	"	"	St. Mark's Church, Br'nswick	10 00
						" 23,	"	"	Church of Atonement, Aug.	7 40
						" 26,	"	"	Christ Church, Macon, ..	59 00
						March 22,	"	"	St. Paul's Church, Augusta,	22 00
						April 18,	"	"	Advent Church, Madison, ..	6 55
						" 18,	"	"	Sunday School, St. Paul's	25 35
							"	"	Church, Savannah,....	7 15
						" 22,	"	"	Church of Atonement, Aug.	40 00
						" 22,	"	"	St. John's Church, Savan'h,	25 00
						" 23,	"	"	St. Peter's Church, Rome, .	36 25
						" 23,	"	"	Emmanuel Church, Athens,	8 00
						" 25,	"	"	Church of Atonement, Aug.	52 93
						May 2,	"	"	St. Andrew's Chur'h, Darien	136 62
							"	"	Ladies Missionary Society,	13 00
							"	"	Christ Church, Savannah,	
						" 6,	"	"	St. Andrew's Chur'h, Darien	
					<u>\$2,393 95</u>					

APPENDIX E.

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1860.		To amounts received for Convention Expenses,	
May	12,	from Emmanuel Church, Athens, . .	10 00
"	12,	" St. James' Church, Marietta, . . .	12 20
"	12,	" Trinity Church, Columbus, . . .	32 80
"	12,	" Christ Church, Macon, . . .	25 00
"	12,	" St. Philip's Church, Atlanta, . .	5 00
"	12,	" St. Mark's Church, Brunswick, . .	2 40
"	12,	" Church of the Messiah, St. Marys, .	3 20
"	12,	" St. Paul's Church, Albany, . .	7 60
"	12,	" St. Paul's Church, Augusta, . . .	36 60
July	5,	" Christ Church, Savannah, . . .	58 20
1861.			270 60
April	2,	" St. John's Church, Savannah, . . .	37 00
"	2,	" St. Andrew's Church, Darien, . .	10 00
"	22,	" Church of the Atonement, Augusta, .	8 10
"	22,	" St. Peter's Church, Rome, . . .	10 00
May	8,	" Christ Church, St. Simons, . . .	3 00
"	8,	" St. David's Church, Glynn Co., . .	1 60
"	8,	" Church of the Messiah, St. Marys, .	1 40
"	8,	" St. Mark's Church, Brunswick, . .	3 20
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To balance, . . .			270 60
			<hr/>
			\$3,286 40

By balance, 560 61

\$3,286 40

JOHN M. GUERARD,
Treasurer of the Diocese of Georgia.

APPENDIX F.

PROPOSED CANON.

1. In cases of controversy between any Rector or Assistant Minister of any Church or Parish, and the Vestry or Congregation of such Church or Parish, which cannot be settled by themselves, the parties, or either of them, may make application to the Bishop of the Diocese, who shall thereupon require the Standing Committee to make a list of nine Presbyters, and the same number of Laymen, from among the list of Lay Delegates to the last Convention of the Diocese, and return the same to him. He shall then summon the said Rector or Assistant, and some one of the Vestry, or some one on the part of the Congregation, to attend. And the said number shall be reduced to three Clergymen and three Laymen, by striking off the names alternately by the Rector or Assistant and such other party. The Rector to have the first strike. Should either party omit or decline to strike off names, the Bishop shall strike off in the stead of such party so omitting or declining.

2. The Presbyters and Laymen thus selected or designated shall be summoned by the Bishop to attend at some convenient time and place to consider such controversy.

3. If it shall appear to the Bishop and a majority of such Presbyters and Laymen thus summoned, that there is no hope of a favorable termination of such controversy, and that a dissolution of the connection between such Rector or Assistant Minister and Congregation is necessary to restore the peace of the Church, and promote its prosperity, the Bishop and such Presbyters and Laymen shall recommend such Minister to relinquish his connection with such Parish or Church on such conditions as may appear to them proper and reasonable.

4. If any Rector or Assistant Minister shall refuse to comply with the recommendation of the Bishop, Presbyters, and Laymen, the Bishop and Presbyters may proceed according to the Canons of this Church, to suspend him from the exercise of any ministerial functions within the Diocese, until he shall retract his refusal; or if the Vestry or Congregation shall refuse to comply with such recommendation, they shall not be allowed any representation in the Diocesan Convention until they shall have retracted their refusal.

APPENDIX G.

*Assessment on the Parishes for the Support of the Episcopate,
adopted by the Convention, May, 1851.*

Christ Church, Savannah,.....	\$1,000
St. John's Church, Savannah,.....	350
St. Paul's Church, Augusta,.....	500
Christ Church, Macon,.....	300
Trinity Church, Columbus,.....	250
Christ Church, St. Simons,.....	25
Grace Church, Clarkesville,.....	25
St. Stephen's Church, Milledgeville,.....	10
St. James' Church, Marietta,.....	25
Emmanuel Church, Athens,.....	10
St. Andrew's Church, Darien,.....	25
St. David's Church, Glynn,	50
St. Peter's Church, Rome,.....	10
Church of the Messiah, St. Marys,.....	20
St. Philip's Church, Atlanta,	10
Zion Church, Talbotton,.....	10
Church of the Atonement, Augusta,.....	25
St. Paul's Church, Albany,.....	25
Advent Church, Madison,.....	10
Ogeechee Mission,.....	10
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	\$2,700

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
Protestant Episcopal Church,
OF THE
DIOCESE OF GEORGIA.

ARTICLE I. The Church of this Diocese, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of the United States of America, accedes to, recognizes, and adopts, the general Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

ART. II. A Convention of this Church shall be held at such time of each year and place as the previous Convention may appoint, provided, however, that no Convention shall be opened for the transaction of business unless there be present at least two clergymen, and delegates from two congregations. And in case no Convention be formed, the standing officers of the last Convention shall hold their respective offices until successors shall be appointed.

ART. III. The Bishop, or, if the Episcopate be vacant, the Standing Committee, shall have power, when it appears requisite for the good of the Church, to call a *Special* Convention, by a circular letter to the several Churches. There shall be not less than four weeks notice previous to the day appointed, and such meeting shall be holden where the authority calling it shall determine, and at such *Special* Convention, no other business shall be transacted than that stated in the notice calling the Convention.

ART. IV The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. Every Clergyman in good standing, regularly settled, and continuously exercising clerical functions in any existing Parish, or who shall have been for six months last past performing missionary duties under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, shall be entitled to the privileges of a member of the Convention; and every duly recognized Minister of this Church canonically resident for six months last past within the Diocese, being engaged in the business of literary instruction, or disabled by reason of age or infirmity from exercising clerical functions, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of the Convention, with the exception of a right to vote. Each church or congregation in union with this Convention shall be entitled to a representation by one Lay Delegate or more, not exceeding three, to be chosen from its

own body, by the Wardens and Vestrymen thereof; provided, however, that the Minister, or in his absence, the Delegate or Delegates present at any Convention, may supply any vacancy in the delegation, if he or they should find, at the place of meeting, a member or members of the congregation which they are empowered to represent.

ART. V. New Parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention by a majority of votes: provided, that they shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens, that they accede to the Constitutions and Canons of this Church, and are regularly organized by the election of two Wardens, and any number of Vestrymen, at discretion not exceeding eight.

ART. VI. Every meeting of the Convention shall be opened with Morning Prayer, and a Sermon delivered on the first day of the Convention, by a Preacher appointed at the preceding Convention; a Sermon on Missions shall also be preached some time during the sitting of each Convention, when a collection shall be made in aid of Missions within the Diocese. The appointment of both Preachers, with substitutes, shall be made by the Bishop, or, in his absence, by the President of the Convention.

ART. VII. The Convention shall deliberate and act as one body, unless when a member shall call for a division on any question, in which case, each clerical member shall be entitled to one vote, and the lay delegates of each congregation *jointly* to one vote, and a majority of both orders shall be necessary to a decision.

ART. VIII. The Bishop of the Diocese shall be *ex-officio* President of the Convention. In case there be no Bishop, or in his absence, a presiding officer shall be elected from the clerical members present.

ART. IX. At each annual meeting of the Convention, a Secretary and Treasurer shall be chosen, to hold their respective offices until the next annual Convention, or until successors shall be appointed. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive, or cause to be received, at each annual Convention, the assessments upon the Parishes of the Diocese for defraying the incidental expenses of the Convention and the support of the Episcopate—and also to pay the Bishop quarterly, in advance, the amount of salary pledged to him by this Convention; making a faithful return of all these his acts in his annual report to the Convention of this Church.

ART. X. A Standing Committee shall be chosen at each annual meeting of this Convention, to consist of three Clerical and three Lay members; of the time and place of whose meetings due notice in writing shall be given to all the members thereof, at least one week before the time of such meeting. At a meeting thus notified, any four members shall constitute a quorum. The Standing Committee shall meet as soon as practicable after their election, and choose a President and Secretary from among their own number; and it shall be the duty of the President to call a meeting of the committee whenever he shall be required to do so by any three members of the committee. Vacancies in this

committee caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members.

ART. XI. The Convention shall triennially, at the session immediately preceding the meeting of the general Convention, elect four Clergymen and four Laymen, as Deputies to the general Convention. The Deputies so elected shall be authorized to represent this Diocese in that or in any *special* general Convention, till their successors are chosen. They shall be empowered, in the absence of one or more of their colleagues, to appoint in the place of such delegate or delegates, any citizen or citizens of this State; provided, that such citizen or citizens be a member or members of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese; or if it be inconvenient for any delegate or delegates to proceed to the place of meeting, the Bishop is authorized to appoint others in their place. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the power hereby conferred on the Bishop shall be exercised by the Standing Committee.

ART. XII. A proposition for altering and amending this Constitution shall be introduced in writing, and considered in Convention, and if approved by a majority, shall lie over to the next Convention, when upon consideration again, if it be approved by a majority of the Convention, it shall be adopted.

ART. XIII. In all elections by ballot, a majority of votes shall be required for a choice.

C A N O N S .

CANON I. Each Church duly represented in the Convention shall pay, or cause to be paid, into the hands of the Treasurer of the Convention, the sum of twenty cents for each white communicant, annually, for defraying the incidental expenses of the Couvention.

CANON II. In case any clergyman of this Diocese shall be accused of error in doctrine, immorality of life, or neglect, or transgression of any of the Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, or this Diocese, it shall be the duty of any two or more clergymen, or of the wardens and vestrymen of the Church of which he is Rector, or to which he may belong, who shall have knowledge or belief of such misdemeanor, to represent the same to the Bishop, or in case there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese. In the event of such representation, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee, if he or they shall deem the charge or charges worthy of investigation, forthwith to notify the accused of such charges, together with the time and place appointed for trial. The mode of trial shall be as follows: The Bishop or Standing Committee, as the case may be, shall appoint a number of Presbyters, not less than five, of whom the person accused may select a majority, by whom to be tried. The result of the trial shall be made known to the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, who shall pronounce and execute, or cause to be pronounced and executed, such sentence as may be awarded, should the same by him or them be deemed just and proper.

Should the sentence be suspension or degradation from the ministry, the Bishop or Provisional Bishop, or should there be none, some neighboring Bishop, shall be required to pronounce the same.

Should it be impossible to obtain from the Diocese the requisite number of Presbyters to constitute a board of trial, the deficiency may be supplied from a neighboring Diocese.

Should any clergyman, accused and cited for trial according to the provisions of this Canon, neglect or refuse to obey the citation, such neglect or refusal shall be considered as an acknowledgment of the truth of the charges preferred against him, and sentence shall be pronounced accordingly.

CANON III.—The Convention shall appoint annually, by ballot, a committee of two Clergymen and three Laymen, of which committee the Bishop of the

Diocese, when there is one, shall be *ex-officio* chairman ; whose duty it shall be to take in charge the Missionary, Bible, Common Prayer Book, Tract and Sunday School operations of the Church in this Diocese ; and it shall be further the duty of this committee to make a full report of all their proceedings to each succeeding annual Convention. The Committee shall hold at least four regular annual meetings, viz : on the second Monday of January, April, July, and October, of each year : at which meetings, in the absence of the Bishop, a Chairman, *pro tem.*, shall be appointed to preside over its deliberations.

CANON IV It shall be the duty of the Vestry of each Church in connection with this Diocese, to pay or cause to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Convention, at each annual meeting of the Convention, the amount of the assessment laid upon the Churches respectively represented by them for the support of the Episcopate of this Diocese.

CANON V. *Section 1.*—Whenever any number of persons shall associate to form an Episcopal congregation, they shall adopt articles of association for their government, in which they shall acknowledge and accede to the constitution, canons, doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the constitution and canons of the Diocese of Georgia ; they shall assume a suitable name by which their Church or Parish shall be designated, and elect two Wardens and any number of Vestrymen, at discretion, not exceeding eight. A certified copy of the articles of association and of the proceedings at their adoption signed by the Wardens, shall then be laid before the Convention, and if approved by that body, delegates from such congregation or parish may take their seats in the Convention, and the congregation shall be considered as united to the Convention, and subject to its decisions.

Sec. 2.—The election of Wardens and Vestrymen in every Parish thus constituted, shall take place annually on Easter Monday, unless some other time be specified in the act of incorporation, with the assent of the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese. Except when otherwise specified by Charter or in act of Incorporation, the following named persons shall be alone entitled to vote : All pew-holders, and all holders of single seats, being males and over twenty-one years of age, who shall have been pew-holders, or holders of seats for three months prior to the day of election ; and all communicants, being males and over twenty-one years of age, who shall have been connected with the Parish by actual communion for three months prior to the day of election.

CANON VI.—It shall be the duty of the officer, whether Treasurer, Church Warden, or Vestryman, renting a pew or a seat in the Parish Church, to report in writing to the Rector, the name of such person or persons, as soon as possible after the time of renting.

Rules of Order.

RULE 1. The business of each day shall be introduced by the Order of Daily Morning Prayer and a Sermon.

RULE 2. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall stand up, unless to address the Chair.

RULE 3. The order of doing business in the Convention shall be as follows:

1. The appointment of a Secretary by ballot.
2. The appointment of the Committees of the Convention, and Special Committees.
3. The Annual Address of the Bishop.
4. The reading of the Parochial Reports.
5. Reports from the Committees of the Diocese.
6. Reports from the Treasurers.
7. Reports from Committees appointed at the last Convention.
8. Reports from Committees.
9. Elections by ballot of Treasurer, Standing Committee of the Diocese, Diocesan Missionary Committee, and Deputies to the General Convention.

RULE 4.—When any member is about to speak in debate, or present any matter to the Convention, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

RULE 5. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention unless he have leave or be unable to attend.

RULE 6. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Convention.

RULE 7. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not be drawn into debate the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention: provided, always that any member of the Convention voting in favor of any question, may, on the same day on which the vote is taken or on the succeeding day move a reconsideration of said vote.

RULE 8. No motion shall be debated, or shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded, reduced to writing and read by the Secretary.

RULE 9. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone; a motion to adjourn, however shall always be in order and shall be decided without debate.

RULE 10. A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

RULE 11. Every member who shall be present when the question is put, shall vote, unless personally interested, or excused by the Convention from voting.

RULE 12. When the Convention is about to rise or adjourn, every member shall keep his seat until the President shall leave the chair.

Of the Organization of New Parishes.

ADOPTED IN 1842.

Resolved, That in the organization of new Parishes, the following form of declaration be recommended, and the meeting in which it is adopted be held and conducted according to the provisions of Canon V :

"We the subscribers, assembled for the purpose of organizing a Church (or Parish) of the Protestant Episcopal Church in ———, county of ———, and State of Georgia, after due notice given, do hereby agree to form a Church, (or Parish) to be known by the name of ——— Church, ——— and as such, do hereby acknowledge and accede to the doctrine, discipline, and worship, the constitution and canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, and the constitution and canons of the same Church in the Diocese of Georgia; and we do accordingly appoint A B and C D to be the first Wardens, and E F, G H, I J, to be the first Vestrymen of ——— Church, to continue in office until Easter Monday, A. D. ———, and until others be chosen in their place. And an election of Wardens and Vestrymen shall be held on Easter Monday of each successive year.

"Witness our hands at ———, County of ———, and State of Georgia, this ——— day of ———, in the year of our Lord ———."

Of the Use of Churches.

ADOPTED, 1842.

On motion, it was unanimously—*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Vestries of our Churches in this Diocese, to discourage the use of the Churches under their care for all "*unhallowed, wordly, and common use.*"

The Style and Title of Churches.

The proper style for a duly incorporated congregation is "The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry, (or else the Church Wardens and Vestry) of ——— Church, in ———," the first blank being left for the name of the Church, the other for that of the place.

Form of Certificate.

This certifies that at a meeting of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry, (or Wardens and Vestry, if no Rector be present,) of ———, held on the ——— day of ———, the following person, (or persons, as the case may be,) viz: K. L., M. N., and O. P., were duly elected to represent this Church in the next Convention of the Diocese, to be held in ———, on the ——— day of ———, 18——.

The above certificate shall be signed by the Rector, if present, or in his absence, by one of the Wardens, or by the Secretary of the Vestry.

Statistics of the Diocese.

Bishop, .	1
Presbyters,	..24
Deacons,	4
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Total Clergy,	.29
Candidates for Holy Orders.	4
Communicants—Added,	211
“ Lost by death, &c.,	138
“ Reported from Parishes, ...	.2083
“ “ by Bishop, ...	101
“ Present number,	.2184
Confirmations,	157
Baptisms—Reported from Parishes,	.353
“ “ by Rev. Mr. Pryse,	2
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Total,	.355
Marriages,—Reported from Parishes,...	102
“ “ by Rev. Mr. Pryse,	. 2
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Total,	104
Burials. 134
Sunday School Teachers,	175
“ “ Scholars, ..	1743
<i>Contributions.</i>	
Communion Arms,	..\$2,252 55
Missions—Diocesan, ..	2,142 62
“ Domestic, 	587 73
“ Foreign,	1,507 71
Other Church and benevolent objects,	.15,550 58
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	\$21,987 19
For Society of Increase of the Ministry, reported by Rev. Dr. Henderson	188 00
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Total,	\$22,175 19

Diocesan Officers.

Bishop of the Diocese.

Rt. Rev. STEPHEN ELLIOTT, D. D., Savannah.

Standing Committee.

Rev. WM. H. HARISON, President, Augusta,
Rev. WM. C. WILLIAMS,
Rev. SAMUEL BENEDICT,
Mr. E. F. CAMPBELL,
Mr. BENJ. CONLEY,
Mr. CHAS. DWELLE.

Missionary Committee.

Rt. Rev. the BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE,
Rev. GEO. H. CLARK,
Rev. JOHN T. PRYSE,
WM. B. GILES, Esq.,
GEO. A. GORDON, Esq.,
J. W. NEVITT, Esq.

Treasurer of the Missionary Committee.

Mr. W W LINCOLN, Savannah.

Treasurer of the Diocese.

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Treasurer of Permanent Fund for Support of the Episcopate.

Dr. JAMES CAMAK, Athens.

Trustees of the University of the South.

Rev. WM. N. HAWKS, Columbus,
 L. N. WHITTLE, Esq., Macon,
 DANIEL GRIFFIN, Esq., Columbus.

Treasurer of the University of the South.

JAMES CAMAK, M. D., Athens.

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CLERICAL.

LAY.

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“ WM. H. HARISON,	JAMES POTTER, Esq.,
“ WM. C. WILLIAMS,	L. N. WHITTLE, Esq.,
“ WM. N. HAWKS.	CHARLES SPALDING, Esq.

Deputies to the Montgomery Convention.

CLERICAL.

LAY.

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“ HENRY K. REES,	L. N. WHITTLE, Esq.,
“ WM. H. CLARKE.	Hon. A. H. CHAPPELL.

Secretary of the Convention.

Rev. WM. C. WILLIAMS, Savannah.

Remittances for Fund for Relief of Widows and Orphans
 to be made to GEO. A. CUYLER, Esq., Savannah.

The next Convention of the Church will be held in St.
 Philip's Church, Atlanta, on the 8th of May, 1862.



